

From: Veterans' Agent.

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

13 January 1950

To : Board of Selectmen.
Subj: Medical Benefit Payments, Moore, Vinton and Kaler CasesAuthorization for.
1. Under provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, payment of the following subject-type bills is authorized:
(a) <u>Dr. Timothy P. Stone</u> , Southboro, Mass. Medical Services Moore Case from 18 Nov. to Dec. 30, 1949
(b) Westboro Drug Co., Westboro, Mass. Prescription in Moore Case 1.25
(c) Southboro Drug Co., Southboro, Mass. Prescriptions in Moore Case 6.28
(e) Westboro Drug Co., Westboro, Mass. Prescriptions in Vinton Case 4.00
(f) Dr. Roland S. Newton, Westboro, Mass. Medical Services Kaler Case

- 2. Bills covering above services have been forwarded to the Town Accountant.
- J. Dr. Stone has informed the Veterans Agent that Wallace Moore, dependent son in the Harry W. Moore Case, has what appears to be asthma condition with sinus complications. He further reports that this patient is not helping himself by his mental attitude. Case has been referred to Dr. Gagliardi, Framingham specialist.

H. Burke

P. S. It will be noted on bill submitted by Dr. Stone that three penicilin injections were given and only \$1.00 charged for each injection. This actually does not pay for cost of penicilin involved. Bill also indicates that Dr. Stone made Dec. 27 treatment on patient and made no charge for same.

CHOATE POST NO. 3276



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, U. S. SOUTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' SERVICES
27 February 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for March 1950.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, subject payments for March 1950 are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harry W. Moore, Ordinary Benefits. . .\$25.00 week (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton, " ". 40.00 month
- 2. Fuel Allowance payments are authorized for the month of March as follows:
 - (a) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. \$10.00 for month
 - (b) Harry W. Moore, as submitted but not to exceed \$20.00 for month.
- 3. In reference to Par. 2 (b) above, payment to Falconi Bros., is sum of \$1985\$, for fuel delivered to Moore family in the month of February, is authorized.

J. H. Burke

INCORPORATED OF JULY 8, 1727.

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

6 March 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Medical Benefits Payments, Cases Moore, Vinton and

Kaler. .Authorization.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115 (GL as amended), authorization is forwarded to pay subject bills, originals of which have been forwarded to the Town Accountant. These bills cover medical services rendered in Dec. of 1949, Jan. and Feb. of 1950.
- 2. Subject bills are as follows:

HARRY W. MOORE CASE
Dr. Geo. R. Gagliardi, Framingham \$15000
Westboro Drug Co 1.25
Southboro Drug Co
Southboro Drug Co
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MRS. EVA B. VINTON CASE
Westboro Drug Co 2.00
MRS. HARRIETT KALER CASE
Dr. R. S. Newton, Westboro(2 House Visits). 4.00
Southboro Drug Co
GRAND TOTAL \$30.88
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DEPARTMENT OF ETERANS' SERVICES

7 March 1950

From: Veterans' Agent. To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Medical Benefits Payments, Cases Moore, Vinton and

Kaler- -Authorization.

Ref.: (a) Veterans' Agent Ltr. on same subject, dated 6 March 1950.

- It is requested that reference(a) be disregarded inasmuch as the data computed therein was incorrectly set forth by the Veterans' Agent.
- 2. Payments for the above cases, for medical services rendered in December of 1949, January and February of 1950, as listed below, are authorized. The original bills involved have been furnished the Town Accountant.

HARRY W. MOORE CASE

Dr. Geo. R. Gagliardi,	F	rai	niı	ngl	ai	n.	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$15.00
Westbore Drug Company.		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1.25
Southboro Drug Company	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	7.63
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MRS. EVA B. VINTON CASE

2.00 Westboro Drug Company. .

MRS. HARRIETT A. KALER CASE

Dr. R. S. Newton, Westboro, 2 house calls @#4.. 8.00 Southboro Drug Company GRAND TOTAL. .\$35.78



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

27 December 1949

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Unpaid Fuel Bill, Harry W. Moore Case.

- 1. It is recommended that unpaid fuel bill in amount of \$55.26, due Falconi Bros., be paid from unexpended funds within the appropriation for the Veterans' Services Department for the coming year.
- 2. In explanation of this bill, the following facts are presented. Under provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, fuel allowance are granted from 1 October to 1 May. For the months of May, June, July, August and September, there are no fuel allowances. The fuel used by a veteran benefit recipient for cooking purposes, is supposed to be paid for out of the regular budget, set up under classification of Ordinary Benefits, during those months.
- 4. Moore failed to provide for purchasing fuel used for cooking from moneys received during these months and expended all Ordinary Benefits moneys for other purposes. Thus the bill owed Falconi Brothers accumulated. In addition, it was found that Moore used moneys, legitamentely paid him for fuel, for other purposes. It was for this reason that the Veterans Agent instructed that fuel allowance due Moore be paid directly to the aforementioned fuel dealer this year.
- 5. Under pressure by the Veterans Agent, Moore has been trying to pay off this back bill at rate of \$5.00 monthly. However, it is believed unjust to ask that the fuel dealer, who provided the fuel in good faith, should be left holding the proverbial "bag". For this reason it is believed advisable to pay off the back bill and start the new year with a cleam slate as far as the dealer is concerned.
- 6. If the failure on part of Moore to meet the back bill was reported to the Commissioner of Veterans Services, that official would, without doubt, disqualify Moore from any further benefits under Chapter 115. The fuel dealer now has an understanding with the Veterans Agent that fuel delivered to Moore will never, in any one authorized month, exceed the established allowance.

J. H. Burke

Bill Involved Has BEEN forwarded To Town AccounTANT

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

30 August 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmeh.

Subj: Ordinary Benefit Payments for September 1949.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws. as amended, following ordinary benefit payments for the month of September are authorized:

- (a) Harriett Moore. \$25.00 weekly
- (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. . . . \$40.00 for month

J. H. Burke

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

3 August 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen:

Subj: Suspension Chapter 115 Benefit Payments Case of James

G. Harris (Mrs. Ruth Tucker, guardian). . Authorization for.

Ref: (a) Chapter 115, General Laws as Amended.

(b) VetAgent Ltr. to Selectmen, dated 3 August 1949.

- 1. Reference (a) provides, in summary, that no benefits under Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, shall be paid to a dependent child who has reached the age of eighteen unless such child is attending high school or school of equivalent classification.
- 2. Reference(b) authorized payment of \$12.40 for August in the case of this Veteran Benefit recipient.
- 3. In accordance with provisions of reference(a), suspension of all payments in this case, after the payment already made for the month of July 1949, is authorized. Unless unforeseen complications arise, this case now can be considered closed.
- 4. Thebguardian of the subject beneficiary and the Commissioner of Veterans Services have been notified of this action.

. H. Burke

Copy to:

Town Accountant

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

3 August 1949

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Ordinary Benefit Payments for August 1949.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, following subject-type payments are authorized for the month of August:
 - (a) Harriett Moore. \$25.00 weekly
 - (b) Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Marlboro . \$12.40 for month (guardian James Harris)
 - (c) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton . . . \$40.00 for month.
- 2. During the past month two cases have been ruled as disqualified in that, in each case, it was learned that the benefit recipients were in receipt of income they had failed to report. These cases were those of Francis W. Sealey, an \$80 monthly beneficiary, and Mrs. Mary Underwood, a \$70 monthly beneficiary.
- 3. In addition to the foregoing cases, Mrs. Martha Queenan, now resident of Marlboro but still a settlement of Southboro, was denied veteran benefits in that whe is not living with her husband, the husband fails to comply with requirements of the Commissioner relative to furnishing employment and other information. The Commissioner has been made cognizant of this case and concurs in the decision made by the Veterans Agent. The Queenan case involved Veteran Benefits in sum of \$182 monthly plus such medical benefits as might occur.

. H. Burke



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

3 August 1949

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen .

Subj: Re-imbursement to town for Veteran Benefits.

- 1. In the past it has been customary for the Commonwealth to reimburse towns and cities, by November 10th. of year following payment for Veteran Benefits, one-half the sums expended for this purpose in accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended.
- 2. The Commonwealth, acting upon a suggestion submitted by the State Veterans Agents Association, has instituted a new policy of reimbursement this year. Payments will be made to towns and cities, by the State, three times yearly, four months reimbursement in each payment.
- 3. In keeping with this new policy, the Veterans Agent has been informed by the Commissioner of Veterans Services, that on or before 1 September 1949, the sum of \$472.55 will be reimbursed this town for Veteran Benefit payments made during the months of January, February, March and April of 1949. This represents one-half of the Chapter 115 payments authorized during that period.
- 4. In addition, under provisions of Chapter 573, Acts of 1946, covering full reimbursement for burial expenses in connection burial of overseas dead, the town will receive the sum of \$26.75. This is payment for expenses paid to local veteran organizations at time of burial of late Corporal Harold Fay.

Copies to:

Town Treasurer Town Accountant Advisory Board

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

SOUTHBOROUGH, MASS.

June 14,1949

Board of Selectmen, Southboro Mass.

Attention; Herbert E. Harrington, Chairman.

Dear Bert;

You may recall that during the latter part of last year, because I had expressed a desire to give up the work that I had been doing for the highway department, Phil suggested combining the highway work with that of your clerk.

Later I agreed to continue with the highway work because I felt that during 1948 we had been successful in giving the State and County complete satisfaction with respect to weekly and monthly reports, and that I could be of more assistance to Gordon than someone entirely new to that tope of work.

The time has now arrived when I feel that, due to the pressure of responsibilities in connection with my regular work, I must give up some of my outside activities as soon as possible. Therefore, I will appreciate it very much if you can arrange to transfer the highway work to some other person in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

F.W.Bridges Southboro Mass.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

3 May 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefits for May 1949 -- Authorization.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, Ordinary Benefit Payments for the month of May are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harriett Moore. \$25.00 weekly
 - (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. 40.00 for month
 - (c) Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Marlboro. . . 12.40 " " (guardian Jas. Harris)
 - (d) Francis W. Seeley, South St., 80.00 " " South Berlin, Mass.
- 2. The veteran benefit recipient indicated in (d) has been discharged from Cushing Veterans Hospital following lengthy treatment for second and third degree burns. The hospital has informed the Veterans Agent that it will be two months before this veteran will be physically able to accept employment.
- J. This veteran and his wife have resumed their former residence, South St., South Berlin, Mass., and it is requested that checks be sent to that address. During hospitalization of this veteran his wife resided with her parents in Marlboro and checks had been sent to her at the Marlboro address.

J. H. Burke



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

10 May 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: FUTURE COSTS OF DEPARTMENT OPERATION -- ESTIMATE ON.

- 1. In compliance with recent directive from the Board of Selectmen, the following information as to estimated subject costs is submitted.
 - (a) As far as can be foreseen there should be no added expenses in connection with salary and administrative items during the next ten and twenty years. If current salary and expenses such as postage, stationery, association dues, travel etc., remain constant, and it is believed they should remain constant, approximately \$400 per year will be ample to finance these items.
 - (b) Future costs of Ordinary Benefits, Medical Benefits, Dental Benefits and Fuel Allowances, cannot be predicted with any degree of accuracy. Future economic conditions, changes in pension and other veteran benefit laws, would cause these costs to vary materially. A depression leading to wide unemployment could increase Veteran Benefit costs drastically.
 - (c) Pension legislation now before Congress, whereby veterans reaching the age of 65 and within certain income limitation restrictions, will be eligible to receive pension of \$72 monthly, will have little effect on local veteran benefit costs for another ten to fifteen years.
- 2. Subject to the foregoing conditions, it is believed that the Veterans Services Department can operate on a \$3600 per year budget for benefits, medical and fuel expenses, and a \$400 per year administrative budget, for the next ten or twenty years. Total for both items for ten years estimated at \$40,000. Total for twenty years estimated at \$80,000.
- 4. Unless extant state laws are changed, approximately one-half of the foregoing budgets (exclusing salary and administrative costs) would be reimbursed to the tows by the Commonwealth.

J. H. Burke

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Town of Southborough

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

May 21 1949

	Veterans Agent. Board of Selectmen.
Subj:	Medical and Attendant Benefits to Veteran Benefit RecipientsPayment Authorized.
Laws,	In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General as amended, payment of the following hills in subject is authorized:
	(a) <u>Harriett Moore Case</u>
	Dr. Timothy Stone, Southboro \$53.00 Framingham Union Hospital 2.00 Total \$55.00
	(b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton
	Westboro Drug Co., Westboro \$2.00
	(c) Mrs. Harriett Kaler, C/o Mrs. Ernest Jacobs, Turnpike Rd., Fayville
	Dr. Roland S. Newton, Westboro \$4.00 Dr. F. H. Salls, Framingham 5.00 The Optical Co., " 10.00 Total \$19.00
2. (Copies of bills involved are herewith enclosed.

Bills forwarded to Town ALLOUMEAKT



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

28 May 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefits for Mune and July 1949 -- Authorization.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, payments of Ordinary Benefits for the months of June and July are authorized asfollows:
 - (a) Harriett Moore. . . \$ 25.00 weekly June and July
 - (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. . 40.00 month " "
 - (c) Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Marlboro, 12.40 " " " " (guardian Jas. Harris)
- 3. The Veterans Agent will be out of the country the major portion of June and July. It is requested that the Board of Selectmen sign approval of Veteran Services Department bills or vouchers as may be submitted during that period.
- 4. During the absence of the Veterans Agent any new applications or out of the ordinary business will be handled by the Director of Veterans Services in City Hall, Marlboro. This official will process any applications received and advise the Board of Selectmen as to his recommendations.
- 5. It will be noted that benefits (\$80.00) in case of Francis W. Seeley are for June only. It is believed that, unless unforeseen complications retard his recovery, he will be able to resume work by that time, I July. He is being notified that, unless physical complications develop and a new application meets with approval of the Director of Veterans Services in Marlboro, he will receive no benefits after June 30.
- 6. Any medical, dental or prescription bills which may be addressed to the Veterans Agent while he is absent will be held over until after his return, on or about 28 July.

J. H. Burke

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

May 28, 1949

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen

Advisory Board Town Accountant Town Treasurer

Subj: Reimbursement Approved on 1948 Veteran Benefits Payments, Approval by Commonwealth.

1. The Veterans Agent was this date officially notified by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, that on or before June 30, 1949, reimbursement for subject payments during the calendar year 1948, under provisions of Chapter 115, General

Laws as amended, will be made to the town as follows:

- (a) Veteran Benefit Payments. \$ 1175.72
- 2. The burial reimbursement in sum of \$2175 is for burial of John G. MacNeill. Payment of \$26.75, in connection with burial of Harold E. Fay, will not be figured in the 1948 disbursments but will be added to the disbursements from the Commonwealth for the calendar year 1949.
- 3. In accordance with instructions from the Commissioner of Veterans Services the other addressess of this letter are being notified of the facts involved by copy of this communication.

. H. Burke



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

3 October 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Ordinary Benefit and Fuel Allowance Payments, Case of Stephen J. Janiak, WW II Veteran--Payment Of.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, as amended, subject payments for the month of November, 1949, are authorized in the following sums:

Ordinary Benefits. . . \$94.00

Fuel Allowance. . . . 14.00

Subject veteran now resides at 14 Martin Street, Marlboro,

Subject veteran now resides at 14 Martin Street, Marlboro, Mass., and payments should be forwarded to him at that address.

- 2. The above payments are authorized by the State Commissioner for the month of November only, the Veterans Agent to reinvestigate and report further at the expiration of that month.
- 3. This veteran, while a resident of Marlboro, still has Southboro settlement. He entered the service from this town and is a former state ward who resided with the Charest family until 1947 at which time he moved to Marlboro. He is married and was stricken with appendicitis on October 13th. and submitted to emergency operation at Marlboro Hospital.
- 4. He now is at his home but will not be able to resume his regular employment with a Framingham concern for a few weeks. He has been informed by the Veterans Agent that the town will not be responsible for hospitalization or operation costs inasmuch as this is an obligation he should meet after he returns to work. The State Commissioner concurs with the Veterans Agent on the subject of the hospital and operation expenses.

Copy: Town Accountant



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

7 October 1949

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Prescription Bills, Case Harry W. Moore, to Southboro

Drug Co.- -Authorization for Payment.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, authorization for payment of subject bills, in sum of \$21.70 has been approved by the State Commissioner.

- 2. Prior to recent eight week absence of the Veterans' Agent, it had been arranged with this drug concern that bills which might be occured in furnishing prescriptions to Veteran Benefit cases in town, would be held for submission to the Veterans Agent until his return. Hence the delay in monthly presentation of these bills.
- 3. Payment of these bills in the sum of \$21.70 is authorized.

H. Burke

Original bill forwarded to Town Auditor



VETERANS' SERVICES 22 October 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board ofnSelectmen.

Subj: Medical Benefits Veteran Benefit Recipients -- Payment

Authorized.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, payment of subject bills are approved as follows:

(a)	HARRY W. MOORE	
	Timothy P. Stone, M. D.	\$11.00
	L.W.Hirsch, M.D. (specialist)	5.00
	Westboro Drug Co.	2.00

\$18.00

- (b) EVA B. VINTON
 Roscoe W. Myers, M.D. (eye spec.) \$10.00
 Westboro Drug Co. 2.00
- (c) HARRIETT A. KALER R. S. Newton, M. D. \$4.00

TOTAL. . . . \$34.00

2. Copies of bills involved have been forwarded to the town accountant.

H. Burke

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

14 September 1949

From: Veterans Agent. To : Board of Selectmen.
Subj: Medical Benefit Payments, Cases Harry W. Moore, Eva B. Vinton and Harriett A. KalerPayment Authorized
1. Payment of subject medical benefits, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, in the subject cases, are authorized as follows:
(a)HARRY W. MOORE(dependents) Dr. J. T. Neary, Marlboro, Mass. Dental Treatments \$ 21.00
Westboro Drug Co., Westboro, Mass. Prescriptions
(b) HARRIETT A. KALER Dr. R.S. Newton, Westboro, Mass. Home Visit
(c) EVA B. VINTON Westboro Drug Co., Westboro, Mass. Prescription
2. Copies of bills involved are enclosed herewith. H. Burke

Note: Bills mentioned in Par. 2, forwarded direct to Town Accountant.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

26 September 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Ordinary Benefits and Fuel Allowance Payments for

October 1949.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, subject payments for October 1949, are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harriett Moore, Ordinary Benefits. . \$25.00 weekly
 - (b) Southboro Oil Co.(for above party) . \$20.00 for month
 - (c) Eva B. Vinton, Ordinary Benefits. . \$40.00
 - (d) Eva B. Vinton(fuel allowance). . . . \$10.00 for month.
- 2. The Veterans Agent will appear before the Board of Selectmen the night of September 28th., to explain circumstances as to payment of fuel allowance in the Moore case.

(/H. Burke



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

2 January 1949

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefits for January 1950 -- Authorization.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, subject payments for January 1950 are authorized as follows:
 - (a) HARRY W. MOORE, Ord. Ben....\$25.00 per week MRS. EVA B. VINTON " " 40.00 for month
- 2. Payment of Fuel allowances are authorized as follows:
 - (a) MRS. EVA B. VINTON. \$10.00 for month (b) HARRY W. MOORE. . . . not to exceed \$20.00 " "
- 3. The Veterans Agent still adheres to the policy that Moore should not be paid the approved \$20 monthly fuel allowance directly in cash. Inasmuch as the back bill due Falconi Bros. for fuel parnished Moore in the past has been paid off and 1950 is being started with a cleam slate on that bill, the fuel dealer has been instructed to forward the town, via the Veterans Agent, Moore's fuel bill monthly but not to exceed \$20.00 in any one month.
- 4. Therefore, the fuel bill in Moore case will be forwarded, by the Veterans Agent, to the Board of Selectmen, as it is submitted by the dealer each month until 1 May, the date upon which fuel allowances expire.

. H. Burke

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veterans' Benefits Cases of Harry Moore and Frank J. Amorelli- -authorization for payment.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, payment of following bills in cases of subject veteran benefit recipients is authorized:

Dr. J. F. Annuziata, 35 Main St., Hopkinton, Mass. Medical Services to minor children Harry Moore. . . \$14.00

Falconi Bros., Southboro, Mass.
Delivery 55 gals fuel oil, Moore Family. \$ 6.38

Dr. Carlo P. Benaglia, 80 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester, Mass..
Medical Care Case Childbirth, wife of Frank J.
Amorelli, 10 Locust Avenue, Worcester 4, Mass... 4 60.00

2. Amorelli is a resident of Worcester with settlement still in Southboro. In each of the above-listed cases the payments involved have been approved by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services. Original bills involved have been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

Burke H. Burke From: Veterans' Agent. : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veterans' Benefits for June- -payment of.

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, payment of Ordinary Benefits for the month of June in the cases of the following is authorized:

- (This is case of wife and 7 minor children of WW II veteran who is disabled due to fracture of leg. Emergency payment of \$100 already has been made for June and additional \$82 should be paid before June 30. This \$182 payment has been authorized by the Commissioner of Veterans Services and one-half of benefits paid in this case will be returned to the town eventually).
- (c) (d) (guardian of James Harris)
- Medical service bills in the cases of two minor children 2. of Harry and Harriett Moore should be paid as follows, approval of payment on these bills having been obtained from the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, one-half these amounts eventually to be paid to the town from state coffers:
 - (a) Dr. Lawrence S. Hirsch, 42 Lincoln St., Framingham, Mass., treatment on May 24 and May 31, to Wallace
 - treatment Marry and Patricia Moore. . . \$17.00
- 3. Fuel bill for 47 gallons range oil delivered to Moore family, delivery by Falconi Bros., Southboro, Mass.,
- 4. Hospital bill from Framingham Community Hospital, for hospitalization, operating room fees, x-ray fees and other services in case of appendectomy on Patricia Moore, minor child of Harry and Harriett Moore, from May 28 to June 13, bill submitted in sum of \$222.95, has been referred to the Commissioner of Veterans Services for scrutiny and approval. Should this approval be forthcoming the bill will be forwarded for payment at a later date.
- Payment should be made on bill from Hobbs and Warren, Inc., 5. 34 Hawley St., Boston, Mass., for legal forms ordered by the Veterans' Agent to permit required investigative and other documentary forms being used in all future cases coming to the Veterans Agent for action. The supply of forms now on hand should last well over one year.

Bills in above cases are in possession of Town Accountant. 6. A. Tomakee From: Veterans' Agent.
To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veterans' Benefits -- reduction recommended.

- 1. For the balance of June and for the months of July and August, it is recommended that the benefits paid to Harry Moore under provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, be reduced to \$22.50 weekly.
- 2. For June, July and August, it is recommended that similar benefits paid to Mrs. Mildred E. Stivers be reduced to \$55.00 monthly.
- Through the month of April 1947, the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, State House, had approved payment of \$15.00 monthly in each of these cases, these payments under fuel allowance classification. Subsequent to April 1947, the Commissioner directs that fuel allowances be discontinued. This reduction in total allowance is due to non-necessity for volume of fuel used in summer as compared to volume allowed during the colder months.
- 4. It will be noted that, in making this recommendation, the Veterans' Agent does not reduce the allowance by the sum of \$15.00 but recommends a ten dollar monthly reduction. In this manner the recipient of these benefits bears only a two-third portion of the \$15 fuel allowance eliminated by the Commissioner, the town bearing the burden of carrying the other one third(\$5.00) and permitting the recipient of the benefit to indergo but a \$10 monthly, rather than a full \$15 monthly reduction in overall benefits received.

CC to:

Town Auditor

From: Veterans' Agent. To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Medical Benefit for emergency hospitalization in connection appendectomy of Patricia Moore, Minor Child of dependent veteran--payment authorized.

Ref: (a) Veterans' Agent Ltr. of 17 June 1947, paragraph 4, addressed to Board of Selectmen.

- Paragraph 4 of Reference(a) reported that a bill in sum of \$222.95, in connection hospitalization of Patricta Moore at Framingham Community Hospital, had been referred to the Commissioner of Veterans' Services for approval on payment. This bill covered hospitalization only and did not include actual operation fee.
- The Commissioner of Veterans' Services, under date of 20 June 1947, has approved payment of this bill. Payment to the Framingham Community Hospital in the sum of \$222.95 therefore is authorized. One-half of this sum will be returned to the town eventually.
- Bill for the actual operation, in sum of \$75, has been received from Dr. J. F. Annunziata, 35 Main Street, Hopkinton. This bill has been forwarded, under current date, to the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, for approval. If such approval is authorized the Board of Selectmen will be so informed at a later date.

CC:

Town Accountant Moore File .

Note: Original bill has been forwarded Town account at.



From: Veterans' Agent. To : Board of Selectmena

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for June and July 1947.

Ref(a) Vet Agent Ltr. of 25 June 1947 re Medical Payments in case of Hatricia Moore.

- Reference(a) authorized payment in sum of \$222.95 to Framingham Community Hospital for hospitalization of subject minor child of disabled World War I Veteran and further indicated that approval of payment in sum of \$75.00 for operation involved had been sought from the Commissioner of Veterans' Services.
- Approval of the Commissioner has been received. Payment of \$75.00 for appendectomy in this case, to Dr. J. F. Annunziata, 35 Main Street, Hopkinton, Mass., is authorized. Original bill from Dr. Annuziata has been forwarded to the Town Accountant.
- Veteran Benefits for the month of July, in the sums indicated, are authorized in the following cases:
- It is recommended that the \$182 in Veteran Benefits paid to Mrs. Martha B. Queenan be sent in two checks, one of these as soon as possible, the other during the last half of July. It will be noted that Veteran Benefit payments in the case of Mildred Stivers are discontinued due to the fact that this beneficiary now receives a \$42 monthly pension from the federal government.

CC:

Town Accountant General File

From: Veterans Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veterans' Benefits--cancellation of proposed reduction recommended.

Ref: (a) Veterans' Agent Ltr. of 7 June 1947 in which slight reduction in benefits was recommended.

- 1. In reference(a), the Veterans' Agent recommended that reductions approximately of \$10.00 per month, for balance of June, July and August, be effected in the cases of Harry Moore and Mildred Stivers.
- 2. It is now recommended that the reductions set forth in reference(a) be NOT effected. It is further recommended that the benefits heretofore paid, namely \$25 weekly in case of Harry Moore, and \$65 monthly in case of Mildred Stivers, be continued until further notice.
- The Moore case is particularly serious due to the fact that one of the Moore children recently underwent a tonilectomy and another child recently returned from Framingham Community Hospital and now is recuperating from an emergency operation for appendicitis. Added purchases of milk and other necessary food, particularly in the case of the child recovering from the appendectomy, coupled with higher prices prevalent in many of the food items, has increased the budget of this family. Hence the recomendation for continuation of benefits as previously granted.
- 4. Increased costs of foodstuffs, also prevalent in the case of Mildred Stivers, impels the Veterans' Agent to reconsider his previous recommendation and to request that no decrease be made in benefits granted in this case.

CC: Town Auditor

The EMPLOYERS' GROUP

NEW ENGLAND DEPARTMENT FRANK O. SARGENT, Resident Manager JOHN F. MULHERN, Jr., Assistant Resident Manager JOHN J. MURRAY, Assistant Resident Manager ONE LIBERTY SQUARE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



The EMPLOYERS' Liability Assurance Corporation Ltd.
The EMPLOYERS' Fire Insurance Company
AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' Insurance Company

OBRION RUSSELL & CO. General Agents 108 Water Street Boston, Mass.

March 26, 1947

Town of Southboro

Southboro, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that The Employers' Liability Assurance Corp. Lta. has issued the following Liability policies:

Policy FL-84947 issued to Cameron Bradley and covering for period January 1, 1945 to January 1, 1948 as respects farm property at Sears Road, Southboro, Mass. in blanket limit of \$20,000 as respects Servants Public and Property Damage Liability with \$250 Servants and Premises Medical expense.

Policy FL-84948 issued bo Helen Sears Bradley and covering for period January 1, 1945 to January 1, 1948 as respects residence property at Sears Road, Southboro, Mass. in blanket limit of \$20,000 Servants Public and Property Damage Liability with \$250 Servants and Premises Medical expense.

Yours very truly,
THE EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ASSURANCE CORP., L'ID.,

By OBRION, RUSSELL & CO., General Agents

RTF:W

March 4, 1946

Mr. Francis X. Cotter Commissioner of Veterans' Services State House Beston 33, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Kindly send us a supply of applications for War Allowance.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Clerk.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NATIONAL HOUSING

REGULATION NO. 60-18

AGENCY

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC REGULATIONS - Reimbursement of Educational Institutions, States or Political Subdivisions Thereof, Local Public Agencies and Non-Profit Organizations Providing Housing for Distressed Families of Servicemen and for Veterans and Their Families Under Public Law 292, 79th Congress, Approved December 31, 1945

(Applies to all employees of the National Housing Agency concerned with the provision of housing for veterans)

SECTION 1 General

.01 Public Law 292, 79th Congress, approved December 31, 1945, amending Title V of the so-called Lanham Act (54 Stat. 1125; 42 U.S.C. 1521) as amended provides in part as follows:

"That any educational institution, State or political subdivision thereof, local public agency, or non-profit organization which has incurred expenses in the relocation (including the costs of disassembling, transporting, site preparation, and re-erection but not including the costs of site acquisition or the installation of off-site utilities) of temporary housing or other facilities (but not including demountable houses) under the jurisdiction or control of the National Housing Administrator for reuse in providing temporary housing for distressed families of servicemen and for veterans and their families shall, upon application therefor, be reimbursed for such expenses by said Administrator out of the funds made available by the First Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1946 (H.R. 4805) to carry out the purpose of this title."

old Since it is imperative that the maximum amount of temporary housing facilities authorized by Public Law 292, 79th Congress, be made available without delay, it is necessary that the total amount obligated for reimbursement under the quoted provision of the Act be ascertained immediately in order that the remaining balance of the appropriation authorized may be budgeted and utilized promptly for the purpose of providing the additional temporary housing for veterans and servicemen contemplated by Title V (as amended) of the said Lanham Act.

Section 2 Notice of Intent to Claim Reimbursement

.01 Therefore, pursuant to Section 308 of the Lanham Act which authorizes the promulgation of such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act, it is hereby ordered that:

- Any educational institution, State or political subdivision a. thereof, local public agency, or non-profit organization which has incurred expenses in the relocation (including the costs of disassembling, transporting, site preparation, and reerection but not including the costs of site acquisition or the installation of off-site utilities) of temporary housing or other facilities (but not including demountable houses) under the jurisdiction or control of the National Housing Administrator for reuse in providing temporary housing for distressed families of servicemen and for veterans and their families, and which intends to make application for reimbursement for such expenses under the quoted provisions of Public Law 292, 79th Congress, shall, in order for its application to be considered, within 15 days of receipt of notice from the Federal Public Housing Authority, file in writing with the Federal Public Housing Authority office issuing such notice, a notice of intent to claim such reimbursement.
- b. Any notice of intent to file a claim for reimbursement under the provisions of (a) above must include (i) an estimate (as nearly accurate as practicable) of the amount of the reimbursements to be claimed (it being understood that the amount of any claim will not be limited to the amount specified in the notice, but will be determined on the basis of all factors), (ii) the basis on which such claim is predicted, and (iii) such factual data (if any) as is immediately available to support the estimate of the amount thereof.
- c. The notice from the Federal Public Housing Authority specified in (a) above shall be in the form of a special delivery, registered letter, return receipt requested, and shall be dispatched by the regional office having supervision of the facilities affected.

Distributed by Francis X. Cotter Commissioner of Veterans! Services 123 State House, Boston 33, Mass.

VS.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

DIRECTING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO RESUME OPERATIONS UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES, AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF SPECIAL REGULATIONS DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

WHEREAS Executive Order No. 9063 of February 16, 1942, was designed to expedite recruitment for Federal positions during the war period, and to defer the permanent filling of vacancies while millions of citizens in the armed forces and in war industries were unavailable to compete for permanent appointment; and

WHEREAS the release of men and women from the armed forces and from war industries has progressed to such a degree that certain procedures adopted under Executive Order No. 9063 are no longer deemed necessary and it is desirable that returning veterans and others formerly not available for consideration be given opportunity to compete for permanent appointment; and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of economy and efficiency that positions in the classified (competitive) civil service be filled in times of normal competition on a permanent basis by the best qualified persons as determined through competitive examination:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by sections 2 and 3 of the Civil Service Act (22 Stat. 403), section 1753 of the Revised Statutes, and section 3(b) of the Civil Service Retirement Act, as smended (5 U.S.C. Supp. IV, 693), it is hereby ordered as follows:

- 1. The United States Civil Service Commission is directed to resume, as rapidly as its resources will permit, the announcement of open competitive examinations, and the establishment of registers of eligibles, for the purpose of certifying eligibles for regular probational appointment to fill vacancies which may occur in the classified (competitive) service and to replace persons who do not have permanent tenure and who are occupying positions in the classified (competitive) service under war-service or other temporary appointments.
 - 2. (a) In order to assure the maximum utilization, in the recruitment and placement of persons for the Federal service, of
 the field service resources of the departments and agencies,
 the Civil Service Commission, after consulting the departments and agencies concerned, may establish U. S. Civil
 Service Boards of Examiners in the field service, composed
 of officers or employees of the departments and agencies
 concerned.
 - (b) In order to assure the maximum utilization, in the recruitment and placement of persons for the Federal service, of the resources of the departments and agencies in the departmental service in Washington, D. C., the Civil Service Commission, after consulting the departments and agencies concerned, may establish, for scientific, professional (other than legal), or technical examinations, U.S. Civil Service Committees of Expert Examiners in the departmental service in Washington composed of officers or employees of the departments and agencies concerned, who are of outstanding competence in the various scientific, professional or technical fields for which the examinations are held.

- (c) The work of the boards or committees referred to in this section in connection with the execution of the Civil Service Act, Rules and Regulation, shall be under the direction and supervision of the Commission.
- (d) The duties performed by the members of such boards or committees shall be considered part of the duties of the office or organization in which they are serving and time shall be allowed therefor during regular working hours.
- 3. The Civil Service Commission is authorized to issue regulations which will provide for the transitional period until such time as the Civil Service Rules are revised, and which will make effective the provisions of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944. Not later than thirty days following the date of this order all appointments, transfers, reinstatements, changes in status and other actions involving the classified (competitive) civil service shall be made in accordance with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations: Provided, however, that not later than July 1, 1946, the Commission shall submit to the President recommendations for a general revision of the Civil Service Rules.
- 4. Pending the establishment of appropriate registers through open competitive civil service examinations the Commission may authorize departments and agencies to make appointments of a temporary nature. In making such temporary appointments there shall be no discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin, and the departments and agencies shall give preference in the order named (a) to qualified persons entitled to tenpoint preference under the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, (b) to qualified persons entitled to five-point preference under that Act, and (c) to qualified former Federal employees. Upon establishment before the Commission that this order of selection has not been followed in any case, the person appointed may be removed. The Commission shall require departments and agencies to keep such records and make such reports as will show that the preferences in appointment provided by this section have been granted. Persons appointed under this section shall not be regarded as occupying permanent positions for the purposes of section 7 of the Classification Act of March 4. 1923, as amended, and shall not by virtue of such appointment be subject to the Civil Service Retirement Act.
- 5. As soon as practicable after the establishment of appropriate registers of eligibles through competitive examination the Commission shall, in accordance with the Civil Service Laws, Rules, and Regulations, issue certificates for probational appointment of eligibles to fill current vacancies and to replace persons who do not have permanent tenure and who are occupying positions subject to the Civil Service Act and Rules. The replacement of persons without permanent tenure shall be made in the following order:

 (a) war-service and other temporary appointees who fail to compete or to qualify in the appropriate examination; and (b) all other war-service and other temporary appointees unless (l) they are reached and selected for probational appointment in accordance with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, or (2) they are recommended for and granted a classified (competitive) civil service status under the provisions of section 6 of this order.

The appointment of war-service appointees may, in the discretion of the Commission, be extended beyond six months after the duration of the war. The employment of war-service or other temporary appointees shall not be extended beyond the period specified by the Commission, but separations under this section shall be made in the order prescribed by the Commission.

- 6. When the Commission has established an appropriate register of eligibles through open competitive examination for probational appointment, it may, upon recommendation of the head of the agency concerned, confer a classified (competitive) civil service status upon any person serving in a position which would be filled by certification from such register who meets the following conditions:
 - (a) He made an eligible rating in the open competitive examination and the lowest rating reached in accordance with the regular order of certification does not exceed his rating by more than five points: Provided, that where ten-point preference eligibles are placed at the top of the register no person may be granted status under this section until all ten-point preference eligibles standing higher on the register have been appointed or have been given appropriate consideration in accordance with the regulations issued under the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944: Provided further, that in no event shall a non-veteran be granted status under this section until all preference eligibles standing higher on the register have been appointed or have been given appropriate consideration in accordance with the regulations issued under the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944.
 - (b) He is serving under an appointment which is not limited to one year or less.
 - (c) He has had at least one year of service under such appointment: Provided, that military service shall be counted in computing the period of service.
- 7. The Civil Service Commission shall, before July 1, 1946, submit recommendations for a general revision of Schedule A of the Civil Service Rules. In the interim period, whenever the Commission determines, upon a request made by any department or agency, that any position or class of positions in the professional, scientific, or technical fields not excepted from the classified (competitive) service should in the public interest be so excepted, the Commission shall cause publication in the Federal Register of its determination excepting such position or class of positions, and thereafter appointment thereto may be made as under Schedule Persons serving under war-service appointments in any such position so excepted may be retained therein until Schedule A is specifically amended to include such positions, and unless specifically limited to one year or less, new appointments made under this section shall not be regarded as temporary appointments: Provided, that no person shall continue in employment under the authority of this section after December 31, 1946, unless the position occupied by such person shall have been included under Schedule A. This section shall not apply to positions filled by persons having a classified (competitive) civil service status.
- 8. The Civil Service Commission is authorized to confer a classified (competitive) civil service status or a probational status upon any person entitled to military preference under the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 who establishes the existence of a service-connected disability of not less than ten per cent: Provided, that such person is serving either (a) under a war-service indefinite appointment, or (b) under appointment in accordance with section 4 of this order if he qualifies in an appropriate examination and his services are required indefinitely by the department or agency in which he is employed.

9. Executive Orders Nos. 9063 of February 16, 1942, 9378 of September 23, 1943, and 8514 of August 13, 1940, are hereby revoked. Nothing in this order shall be construed to affect reemployment rights heretofore acquired by any person under any law or Executive order, or under any regulation or administrative procedure of any Government agency.

HARRY S. THUMAN

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 4, 1946.

NATURALIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALIENS MARRIED OVERSEAS TO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

A spouse of a veteran of World War II, who is an alien, may become a citizen by making application for final papers after two years residence in the United States; examination by a naturalization examiner will follow, then a final court hearing for formal admission to citizenship. From the time of application to the time of formal admission to citizenship, a period of two months generally elapses.

If the alien spouse of a veteran of World War II, after admission to this country, becomes divorced, separated, lives apart, or is widowed, three years must elapse before application may be made for final papers.

NATURALIZATION OF CHILDREN BORN ABROAD WHERE ONLY ONE OF THE PARENTS IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES

Where one of the parents is an alien, and the citizen parent is under 21 years of age at the time of the birth of their child in a foreign country, the child will attain citizenship automatically with the naturalization of the alien parent, or by application of the citizen parent at any time after its arrival in this country or before the child's 18th birthday.

Where the parent who is a citizen of the United States is over 21 at the time of the birth of the child, the United States citizenship passes to the child at birth.

HOUSING

Section 2 (a), Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1946, provides for the establishment of "information centers with which the dwelling units in such city and town available for veterans will be listed and veterans will be advised and assisted in establishing contact with the persons in charge of a selling or rental of such dwellings and in determining whether a dwelling offered to a veteran is suitable for him at the price or rental charged."

Any city or town acting under the provisions of Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1946 has no need to set up a special information center for this purpose. Since it is bringing benefits to veterans, it is within the scope of the established Department of Veterans! Services to provide the service of such information center.

Housing is one of the most difficult problems veterans are being faced with today, and any service that can be rendered by the Departments of Veterans' Services in connection with this law to facilitate solving this problem should be entered into without delay.

We received the following letter from John L. Denning & Company, Inc., 40 Rowland St., Charlestown:

Boston 29, Mass. February 21, 1946

"Mr. Francis X. Cotter Commissioner of Veterans Service Room 123, State House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Cotter:

We understand your department works for, and cooperates with, returning service men and women in finding employment or reestablishing themselves in their own line of business. We hope and believe information in this letter will be of interest to you as well as returning veterans.

This company maintains sales office and warehouse at the above address. We are wholesale distributers of broom and mop making machinery, broom makers hand tools, also materials used in the manufacturing of brooms and mops, such as broom corn, mop yarn, handles, twine, wire, nails and etc.

The broom and mop manufacturing business is one of very few where small operators have equal chance with large manufacturers. This business can be started with minimum amount of capital. A complete, well equipped factory can be set up with an investment from \$800.00 to \$1200.00, depending upon location, size and type building used to house factory. We would appreciate your passing this information along to any interested parties.

For reference on our company we refer you to Dun & Bradstreet, the National Shawmut Bank in Boston. We can also furnish names of a large list of manufacturers throughout New England that we have been serving many years. Our company was organized in 1924. We will, of course, be glad to furnish additional detailed information upon request.

Very truly yours,

/s/ A. V. Mitchell Vice President"



Vet.

CHAPTER 51, ACT OF 1946

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH CITIES AND TOWNS MAY APPROPRIATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUITABLE QUARTERS FOR POSTS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: Section nine of chapter forty of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as amended, and inserting in place therof the following paragraph: - A city or town may for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for a post or posts of the American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and for a chapter or chapters of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War and for a post or posts of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States and for a post or posts of La Legion Franco-Americaine des Etats-Unis d'Amerique, lease for a period not exceeding five years buildings or parts of buildings wich shall be under the direction and control of such post or posts, or chalter or chapters, subject to regulations made in cities by the mayor with the approval of the council and in towns by vote of the town, and for said purposes a town with a valuation of less than five million dollars may annually appropriate not more than two thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of five million dollars but not more than twenty million dollars may annually appropriate not more than three thousand dollars; a bown with a valuation of more than twenty million dollars but not more than seventy-five million dollars may annually appropriate not more than four thousand dollars; a town with a valuation of more than seventy-five million dollars but not more than one hundred fifty million dollars may annually appropriate not more than five thousand dollars; and a town with a valuation of more than one hundred fifty million dollars may annually appropriate five thousand dollars for each one hundred fifty million dollars of valuation, or fraction thereof. The city council of a city may, by a two thirds vote, appropriate money for armories for the use of the state mi bia, for the celebration of holidays, for the purpose of providing or defraying the expenses of suitable quarters for posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, including the heating and lighting of such quarters, and for other like public purposes to an amount not exceeding in any one year one fiftieth of one per cent of its valuation for such year.

Approved February 20, 1946.



CHAPTER 61, ACTS OF 1946

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLACING UNDER CIVIL SERVICE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICES THE INCUMBENTS OF WHICH SERVED IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PRESENT NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: The first paragraph of section thirteen of chapter seven hundred and eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, as appearing in chapter three hundred and thirtyeight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "years" in the second line the words: -, or ten years, as the case may be, - and by striking out, in the fifth line, the words "one year" and inserting in place thereof the words: - two years, - so as to read as follows: - In computing the period of five years, or ten years, as the case may be, of continuous service required under section forty-nine A of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws of an incumbent of a municipal office who has entered said military or naval service and returns to said office within two years after the termination of said service, the period between his entry into said service and his return to said office shall be counted.

Approved February 25, 1946

CHAPTER 62, ACTS OF 1946

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SENIORITY AND COMPENSATION RIGHTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PRESENT NATION-AL EMERGENCY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: Section twenty-four of chapter seven hundred and eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one is hereby amended by striking out, in the third line, the words "one year" and inserting in place thereof the words: - two years, so as to read as follows: - Section 24. Any person who returns or is restored to service in an office or position in the service of the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof within two years after having served in the military or naval forces of the United States shall be entitled to all seniority rights to which he would have been entitled if his service had not been interrupted by such military or naval service, and any such person whose salary is fixed under a classified compensation plan shall be eligible to a salary rate which includes accrued step-rate increments to which he would have been eligible except for absence on such military or naval service.

Approved February 25, 1946

CHAPTER 71, AUT OF 1946

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES AND TOWNS MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO FURNISH EDDALS, SCROLLS OR CERTIFICATES TO PERSONS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II OR TO THEIR NEXT OF KIN.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would unnecessarily delay cities and towns in honoring persons who served in the armed filter of the United States in World War II, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows: Cities and towns may appropriate money for the purpose of purchasing and presenting gifts of medals, scrolls or certificates of honorable service, to members of the armed forces of the United States who served in World War II, or, if deceased, to their next of kin.

Approved February 26, 1946.

Chapter 126

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Mine Hundred and Forty-Six

AN ACT Relative To The Making By Banking And Insurance Companies Of Loans To Veterans Of World War II Guaranteed Or Insured By The Administrator Of Veterans' Affairs.

WHEREAS, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make available without delay to qualifying veterans of World War II the additional benefits of the Act of Congress known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 which became available to them on December 28, 1945, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the suthority of the same, as follows: SECTION 1. Section one of chapter forty-six of the acts of mineteen hundred and forty-five is hereby amended by striking out, in the minth line, the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the word: ten by inserting after the word "guaranteed" in the twelfth line the wordayor insured, - and by inserting after the word "guarantles", in the sixtee th and seventeenth lines, the words:- or insurance, - so as to read as follows: - Section 1. Subject to such regulations as the communsioner of banks deems to be necessary or advisable in respect to trust companies, savings banks, co-operative banks or credit unions, and to such regulations as the commissioner of insurance deems to be necessary or advisable in respect to insurance companies, any trust company, save ings bank, co-operative bank, credit union or insurance company organized under the laws of this commonwealth is authorized, for a period ending ten years after the termination of the present states of war between the United States and certain foreign countries, to make such loans and advances of credit to qualified veterans of World War II as are guaranteed or insured in whole or in part by the administrator of veterans' affairs or his successor or successors in such office, under the act of congress known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1844; or any amendment thereof, and to obtain such guaranties or insurance. SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter forty-six is hereby amended by inserting after the word "guaranteed" in the tenth line the words: or insured, - so as to read as follows: - Section 2. During the period that the provisions of this act are in force and effect, and, with respect to the obligation of any contract entered into during said period under the provisions of this act, for the life of said obligation, no provision of law limiting the power of a trust company, savings bank, co-operative bank, credit union or insurance company organized under the laws of this commonwealth to make loans shall apply to loans made pursuant to section one of this act, subject to regulations referred to in section one and guaranteed or insured in whole or in part by the administrator of veterans' affairs.

Approved March 6, 1946

Chapter 141 ·

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six

AN ACT Relative To The Making And Furnishing By Assessors Of Certain Statements And Information To The State-Treasurer Under The Veterans' Bonus Act, So-Called.

WHEREAS, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to immediately authorize assessors of the several cities and towns to designate certain persons to act in their behalf relative to statements and information to be delivered or furnished to the state treasurer under the so-called veterans bonus act, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: Section four of chapter seven hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence: The assessors of a city or town may certify to the state treasurer that they have designated an employee in their office to make the written statements and to furnish the information herein required, and thereafter statements made and information furnished by such employee shall have the same effect as if made or furnished by an assessor.

Approved March 14, 1946

Chapter 145

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six

AN ACT Authorizing The Provisional Appointment of Women Veterans Under the Civil Service Laws.

WHEREAS, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat one of its principal purposes which is to make women veterans of World War II eligible immediately for provisional appointments under the civil service laws, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: Section twenty-five of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the ninth and tenth lines, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the words "This section shall not apply to requisitions calling for women.", - so as to read as follows:-Section 25. If there is no suitable eligible list from which to certify to fill a requisition, the director shall authorize the appointing officer to make provisional appointment of a veteran, and shall send to the appointing officer the names and addresses of veterans who have filed applications for the kind of work for which requisition is made, and the position shall be filled provisionally by the appointment of a veteran. If, however, the appointing officer cannot find a veteran qualified for the position who will accept, he may with the approval of the director, appoint provisionally some other person.

Approved March 16, 1946

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9706

Amending Executive Order No. 9265 Of November 6, 1942, Establishing The American, European-African-Middle Eastern and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medals

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

- 1. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal shall not be awarded for any service rendered subsequent to November 8, 1945.
- 2. The American Campaign Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal shall not be awarded for any service rendered subsequent to March 2, 1946.
- 3. Effective October 12, 1945, members and former members of the land and naval forces of the United States, including the Women's Reserve of the United States Naval Reserve, and former members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who served in the continental United States for an aggregate period of one year between December 7, 1941, and March 2, 1946, inclusive, may be awarded the American Campaign Medal under such regulations as the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy may severally prescribe.
- 4. Executive Order No. 9265 of November 6, 1942, establishing the American, European-African-Middle Eastern and Asiatic-Pacific campaign medals, is amended accordingly.

Approved March 15, 1946

TITLE 10-ARMY: WAR DEPARTMENT

Chapter Vll-Personnel

PART 703-APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS AND CHAPLAINS

APPOINTMENT OF R. O. T. C. GRADUATES PREVIOUSLY FOUND PHYSICALLY DISQUALIFIED

Section 703.222 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

703.222 Appointment of R. O. T. C. graduates who previously were found physically disqualified. (a) An individual who has successfully completed the Reserve Officers' Training Corps course under War Department contract, including the 6 weeks at summer camp, and was denied a commission because of physical disqualification only and is inducted into the Army and makes application for appointment within 5 years subsequent to his graduation from Reserve Officers! Training Corps will. if found physically qualified for retention in the military service be appointed a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States in the arm or service in which enrolled while in Reserve Officers: Training Corps and given appropriate assignment in the arm or service in which appointed regardless of the lack of a procurement objective or a position vacancy. (Act of 22 September 1941, 55 Stat. 728; 10 U.S.C. Supp. 484) (Sec. 111 W. D. Cir. 206, 24 May 1944, as amended by Cir 61, 2 Mar. 1946)

(SEAL)

EDWARD F WHITSELL,

Major General.

The Adjutant General

(F. R. Doc. 46-4526; Filed, Mar. 18, 1946; 4:01 p. m.)

TITLE 10 - ARMY: WAR DEPARTMENT

Chapter VII - Personnel

Part 708 - Decorations, Medals, Ribbons, and Similar Devices

Campaign Medals for World War II

Section 708.60 is rescinded and the following sec. 708.60 - 708.66, inclusive (W.D. Cir. 56, 26 Feb 1946), are substituted therefor:

Sec.

708.60 Authorization.

708.61 Supply.

708.62 Eligibility

708.63 Theater boundaries.

708.64 Description of campaign medals.

708.65 Service stars.

708.66 Arrowhead.

- 708.60 Authorization. (a) American and Asiatic-Pacific campaign medals are authorized for award to members of the armed forces of the United States, including the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who, during any period from December 7, 1941 to March 2, 1946, both dates inclusive, shall have served in the American or Asiatic-Pacific theaters as described in sec. 708.63 under eligibility restrictions set forth in sec. 708.62.
- (b) European-African-Middle Eastern campaign medal is authorized for award to members of the armed forces of the United States, including the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who, during any period from December 7, 1941, to November 8, 1945, both dates inclusive, shall have served in the European-African-Middle Eastern theater as described in sec. 708.63 under eligibility restrictions set forth in sec. 708.62.
- 708.61 Supply. (a) Availability of the medals authorized herein will be announced later.
- (b) Supply of ribbons, arrowheads, and service stars will be in accordance with Army $R_{\theta}\,\mathrm{gulations}$.
- 708.62 Eligibility. (a) An individual's eligibility for the appropriate campaign medal is automatically established upon arrival for permanent duty in a theater outside the continental limits of the United States. Alaska is outside the continental limits of the United States.
- (b) An individual, while outside the continental limits of the United States in a passenger status or on temporary duty, is eligible for the appropriate campaign medal provided:
 - (1) He engaged in active combat operations against the enemy and was:
- (i) Awarded a combat decoration,
 (ii) Or, furnished a certificate from a corps or higher commander or the commanding officer of an independent force stating that he actually participated in combat.
- (2) Or, he served in the appropriate theater a period of 30 consecutive days or 60 days not necessarily consecutive.
- (c) An individual's eligibility for the American campaign medal, in addition, is established provided:

- (1) He served 30 days while permanently assigned as a member of the crew of a vessel sailing ocean waters even though the vessel was based within the continental United States.
- (2) Or, he served 30 days while permanently assigned as a member of the operating crew of an airplane actually making regular and frequent flights over ocean waters even though the airplane was based within the continental United States.
- (3) Or, he served in an honorable active duty status within the continental limits of the United States for an accumulative period of 1 year.
- (d) Not more than one campaign medal will be awarded for service in any theater nor will more than one service ribbon representing such medal be worn.
- 708.63 Theater boundaries (a) American theater (1) Eastern boundary. From the North Pole, south along the 75th meridian west longitude to the 77th parallel north latitude, thence southeast through Davis Strait to the intersection of the 40th parallel north latitude and the 35th meridian west longitude, thence south along that meridian to the 10th parallel north latitude, thence southeast to the intersection of the Equator and the 20th meridian west longitude thence south along the 20th meridian west longitude to the South Pole.
- (2) Western boundary. From the North Pole, south along the 141st meridian west longitude to the east boundary of Alaska, thence south and southeast along the Alaska boundary to the Pacific Ocean, thence south along the 130th meridian to its intersection with the 30th parallel north latitude, thence southeast to the intersection of the Equator and the 100th meridian west longitude to the South Pole.
- (b) European-African-Middle Eastern theater (1) Eastern boundary. From the North Pole, south along the 60th meridian east longitude to its intersection with the east boundary of Iran, thence south along the Iran boundary to the Gulf of Oman and the intersection of the 60th meridian east longitude, thence south along the 60th meridian east longitude to the South Pole.
- (2) Western boundary. Coincident with the east boundary of the American theater.
- (c) Asiatic-Pacific theater (1) Eastern boundary. Coincident with the west boundary of the American theater.
- (2) Western boundary. Coincident with the east boundary of the European-African-Middle Eastern theater.
- 708.64 Description of campaign medals (a) European-African-Middle Eastern campaign medal. A medal of bronze, design to be approved, suspended by a silk ribbon 1 3/8 inches in length and 1 3/8 inches in width of green with narrow stripes of United States colors (blue, white, and red) in the center, flanked by Italian (green, white, and red) and German (black and white), within brown borders.
- (b) American campaign medal. A medal of bronze, design to be approved, suspended by a silk ribbon 1 3/8 inches in length and 1 3/8 inches in width of blue with narrow stripes of the United States colors (blue, white, and red) in the center, flanked by German colors (black and white), and Japanese colors (red and white).

- (c) Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal. A medal of bronze, design to be approved, suspended by a silk ribbon 1 3/8 inches in length and 1 3/8 inches in width of orange with narrow stripes of United States colors (blue, white, and red) in the center, flanked by Japanese colors (red and white).
- 708.65 Service stars. (a) A bronze service star 3/16 inch in diameter is authorized for wear on the appropriate service ribbons to indicate participation in each campaign of the United States Army announced in War Department general orders. A silver service star 3/16 inch in diameter may be substituted in lieu of 5 bronze service stars.
 - (b) An individual is eligible for a service star provided:
- (1) He was assigned, or attached, to and present for duty with a unit at some time during the period in which the unit participated in combat and was awarded credit therefor in War Department general orders.
- (2) Or, though not assigned, or attached, to a unit, he served honorably under orders in the combat zone between the limiting dates of the campaign as establishment by War Department general orders and was:

(i) Awarded a combat decoration,

(ii) Or, furnished a certificate by a corps or higher commander that he actually participated in combat.

(iii) Or, served at a normal post of duty (as contrasted to occupying a

status of inspector, observer, or visitor).

- (iv) Or, served aboard a vessel other than in a passenger status and has been furnished a certificate by the home port commander of the vessel that he served within the combat zone.
- (3) Or, he was a prisoner of war, evadee, or escapee and served in the combat zone during the time limitations of the campaign as provided in War Department general orders.
- 708.66 Arrowhead. (a) A bronze Indian arrowhead, 1/4 inch in height is authorized for wear on the appropriate service ribbons to indicate participation in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing, or initial assault landing on a hostile shore as announced in War Department general orders.
 - (b) An individual is eligible for the arrowhead provided:
- (1) He made a combat parachute jump or combat glider landing into enemy-held territory as an assigned or attached member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission.
- (2) He went ashore in the assault waves of an amphibious landing on enemy-held territory as an assigned or attached member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission.

March 15, 1946

Department of Labor RETRAINING AND REEMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION

Federal Trade Commission Building Washington 25, D.C.

Information
Memorandum No. 1

ACCREDITATION FOR VETERANS' SERVICE-ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Normally, credit is available to veterans for their service-acquired skills. This credit takes the form of academic credit in some cases, and in otheres it is translated into upgrading of veterans in their occupations. It must be emphasized that such credit is in no sense a "gift" to the veteran. It is merely recognition of that which the veteran possesses. It is a translation of his qualifications from one form to another -- from the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) courses, for instance, to high school unit credits, or from a record of three years as a Navy electrician's mate to status as a second-year apprentice in the elictrical industry.

Many veterans are not fully aware of the availability of this accreditation. They need to be told that they have an asset upon which they should capitalize. This asset is "frozen" until they take the steps necessary to apply it to their individual advantage. It is recommended that all employment and educational counselors in Community Advisory Centers keep this fact in mind. Counselors should urge veterans to avail themselves of whatever credit may be granted them by their employers or the educational institutions of their choice.

Employers and educational institutions are not universally aware of the value of the veteran's training and experience. They should be encouraged to cooperate in the evaluation of the veteran's educational development in such a way as to insure its proper recognition. Local school boards, joint labor-management committees, colleges, industrial personnel directors, and the like should be indoctrinated. Because of the large number of jobs which require graduation from high school, or the equivalent, as a condition of eligibility, it is urged that the use of USAFI General Educational Development Tests be stimulated. Information about the availability of the civilian form of these Tests may be obtained by writing the Cooperative Test Service of the American Council on Education, 15 Amsterdam Avenue, New York 23, N.Y., or Science Research Associates, 228 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago 4, Ill. Individual veterans may apply for the General Educational Development Tests through the Veterans' Testing Service of the American Council on Education, 6010 Dorchester Avenue, Chicago 37, Ill.

When the veteran leaves the Service he is provided with certain records which show, in varying degrees of completeness, what his training and experience have been. The following list shows the titles and contents of these records for the branches of Service indicated:

Army of the United States

WD AGO Form 53 series - Discharge Certificate (Officer and enlisted)

Lists military occupational specialty, by title and serial number; service schools attended; civilian occupation, by title and number.

WD AGO Form 100 - Separation Qualification Record (Officer and enlisted)

Lists main military occupational assignments, with military grades held and duration of each assignment; military occupational specialties, by titles and numbers; summary of military occupations, with titles, descriptions of each occupation, and related civilian occupations; summary of military education, with names or types of service schools attended, courses or curricula, duration and descriptions of courses; summary of civilian education; titles and descriptions of civilian jobs filled, with names and addresses of employers, and inclusive dates of each civilian job.

United States Marine Corps

NAVMC Form 78-PD - Report of Separation (Officer and enlisted)

Lists military specialties; principal military duty; service schools attended, with courses taken and duration of courses; civilian occupation, with job summary and number of years employed and name of last employer; secondary civilian occupation, with D.O.T. number and length of employment; information as to academic and trade schools attended; preference for additional training, job preference, and locality preference.

United States Naval Reserve

NAVPERS Form 553 - Notice of Separation from the U.S. Naval Service (Officer and enlisted)

Lists ratings held; service schools completed; vessels and stations on which served; qualifications, certificates held, etc., main civilian occupation, by title and number; name and address of last employer, with dates of last employment; preference for additional training, job preference, by type, locality, and general area; vocational or trade courses, with nature and length of courses; off-duty educational courses completed.

Rating Description (Enlisted)

Each enlisted dischargee is provided a booklet describing the Naval rating for which he was qualified or which he held. Booklet contains information as to the qualifications for the rating; type of work usually performed, and the equivalent civilian jobs for which training and experience in the Navy

rate should qualify. There are over 500 booklets, describing different ratings.

Qualifications Jacket (Officer)

Each officer separated from the Navy is handed his Qualifications Jacket which shows the assignments he performed while in the Service.

United States Coast Guard

NAVCG Form 553 - Same as "Notice of Separation from the U.S. Naval Service" USCG Form 2510 (Officer and enlisted)

Duplicates much of the information on Form 553 (qualifications, ratings held, service schools attended, duties for which qualified, vessels and stations on which served. etc.).

When data is needed which does not appear on any of the records in the possession of the veteran, the educational institution or employer may obtain such data (when available) upon application to the appropriate Service listed below:

- ny of the United States -- The Adjutant General
 Records Administration Center
 Demobilized Records Branch
 St. Louis, Mo.
- U. S. Marine Corps

 -- Commandant of the Marine Corps
 (Attention: Special Services Branch)
 Headquarters, Marine Corps
 Washington 25, D.C.
- U. S. Naval Reserve -- Officer in Charge, Educational Services Section

 Bureau of Naval Personnel

 Navy Department

 Washington 25, D.C.
- U. S. Coast Guard -- Commandant (PT)
 U. S. Coast Guard
 Washington 25, D.C.

Educational institutions generally have copies of the "Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services" (short title: "Tuttle's Handbook"). This handbook may be purchased from the American Council on Education, 608 South Matthews, Urbana, Ill. Many proprietary schools may not be in possession of copies of this handbook. They, and all other educational institutions, should possess the "Guide."

Employers should possess copies of the volumes entitled, "Special Aids for Placing Naval Personnel in Civilian Jobs," "Special Aids for Placing Military Personnel in Civilian Jobs," and the Marine Corps'

supplement thereto which has been prepared for former Marine Corps personnel. These books are obtainable from the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. Many employers also may find the "Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Forces" to be of considerable value. These reference books can be of great assistance in the evaluation of service-acquired experience.

March 12, 1946

February 25, 1946

Francis X. Cotter Commissioner of Veterans' Services State House Boston 33, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Re: Arthur R. Taylor, Jr.

I enclose an attested copy of the record of the above-named, as requested in your memorandum of December 20, 1945.

Yours truly,

Clerk, Board of Selection

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IDENTIFICATION CARD -- ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS This is to Certify That TAYLOR, Arthur R., Jr. ACER Serial No. 11421194 Nome address, Westboro, Mass. was enlisted in grade shown in Private Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States. on the 6 day of June, one thousand nine hundred and 44, for the period of Dur. of War x 6 mos. When enlisted he was 17 years of age, and by occupation a student. He has blue eyes, brown hair, light complexion, and is 6 feet 2 inches in height. Dates of immunization: Smallpox......... Typhoid.....Blood Type..... Given at Headquarters AAF EXAM. BRD. ; BOSTON, MASS. this 6 day of June one thousand nine hundred and 44. FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER B. F. H111

The above is a true copy of the record of Arthur R. Taylor, Jr.

Attest Maurilou Ch

NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission Expires June 26, 1947

B. F. Hill, CAPT. INF. RO.

February 25. 1946

- Re: COURSE EXEMPTION AND TIME ALLOWANCE FOR PERSONNEL WHO HAVE HAD NURSING EXPERIENCE IN THE U.S. ARMY, U.S. NAVY, U.S. COAST GUARD, U.S. MARITIME SERVICE.
 - A. For admission to an Approved School of Nursing,
 The Candidate must:
 - 1. Must be at least 20 years at graduation and must be a citizen or have had the declaration of his intention of becoming a citizen.
 - 2. Must be a graduate of an accredited high school, or be in possession of a High School Equivalence Certificate.
 - 3. Meet entrance requirements of the School of Nursing.
 - 4. Have completed the prescribed course of "Training of Auxiliary Workers in the Care of the Sick" as given by the U. S. Army, U. S. Navy, U. S. Coast Guard, or the U. S. Maritime Service.
 - 5. Have had at least one year of nursing experience in the Military Service or U. S. Maritime Service.
 - 6. Have been honorably discharged from the Service.
 - 7. Enter an approved School of Nursing within one year of discharge from the Military Service or the U.S. Maritime Service if course exemption and/or time allowance is to be granted.

The School of Nursing:

1. Should review carefully the original separation and discharge papers. Note color of paper since discharge may be:

Honorable Without honor (Blue paper) Dishonorable

2. May grant course exemption, said exemption to be based on:



- a. Final examinations as utilized for regular students.
- b. Achievement tests as standardized by the National League of Nursing Education.
- c. Combination of a & b.
- 3. May grant time allowance not to exceed 8 months, the amount granted to be in accordance with the length of nursing experience in the Service, and the aptitude shown in the School of Nursing. Methods employed for such determination to be at the discretion of the School.
- 4. Should submit to the Approving Authority a plan for the completion of the student's course based on School's evaluation of the candidate.

- B. For admission to an Approved School for Attendant Nursing The Candidate must:
 - 1. Must be at least 19 years of age at graduation, and must be a citizen or have had the declaration of his intention of becoming a citizen.
 - 2. Must have had 8 grades of elementary education or its equivalence.
 - 3. Meet entrance requirements of the School for Attendant Nursing.
 - 4. Have completed the prescribed course of "Training of Auxiliary Workers in the Care of the Sick" as given by the U. S. Army, U. S. Navy, U. S. Coast Guard, or the U. S. Maritime Service.
 - 5. Have had at least one year of nursing experience in the Military Service or U. S. Maritime Service.
 - 6. Have been honorably discharged from the Service.
 - 7. Enter an Approved School for Attendant Nursing within one year of discharge from the Military Service or the U. S. Maritime Service if course exemption and/or time allowance is to be granted.

The School for Attendant Nursing

1. Should review carefully the original separation and discharge papers. Note color of paper since discharge may be:

Honorable
Without honor (blue paper)
Dishonorable

2. May grant course exemption, said exemption to be based on--

Final examinations as utilied for regular students.

- 3. May grant time allowance not to exceed 6 months, the amount granted to be in accordance with the length of nursing experience in the Service, and the aptitude shown in the School for Attendant Nursing. Methods employed for such determination to be at the discretion of the School.
- 4. Should submit to the Approving Authority a plan for the completion of the pupil's course based on the School's evaluation of the candidate.

Title VIII Servicemen's Readjustment Act.

1. WARNING

Veterans before entering any training program should make certain that the place of training is approved either by the

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BOLLEY MINE CO.

Department of Education 200 Newbury Street Boston, Massachusetts

or

Division of Apprentice Training 208 State House Boston, Massachusetts

Veterans have come to grief from employers who have said that their businesses were approved only to find after giving weeks or months of their time they were not approved and consequently no subsistence money payable to the veterans.

2. A photostatic copy of the official record of service must be filed with each Veterans Administration form 1950.

3. OPPORTUNITY

The General Electric Company has set up a training program under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act and will train veterans for their office work. Any veteran interested should write to Mr. R. J. Canning, Supervisor of Business Training Courses, General Electric, Schenectady, New York. The Training will start in the Fall, but the program is so exceptional that anybody interested should write at the earliest opportunity.

4. GOING INTO BUSINESS

Veterans who are going to enter into business will find ideal cooperation from the Department of Commerce field offices where the following services are available:

- A. Furnishing assistance to veterans and others who wish to enter business and counselling them with respect to various types of activity or general business problems.
- B. Information Service designed to aid small business in acquiring government owned surplus property.
- C. Technical Advisory Service: Technical research information on materials and equipment problems.
- D. Aid in obtaining priorities for materials and equipment through contact with Civilian Production Administration.
- E. Assistance on OPA price problems.
- F. Securing sub-contracting opportunities through contact with manufacturing plants.

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G. Locating manufacturing facilities for new products.

This diversified program is available to all veterans and those desiring to take advantage of these services should contact the nearest field office.

The offices in New England are located as follows:-

1800 Custom House, Boston, Mass.

340 Main Street, Worcester, Mass.

631 Industrial Trust Building, Providence, Rhode Island

142 High Street, Portland, Maine

813 Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire

119 Ann Street, Hartford, Connecticut

152 Temple Street, New Haven, Connecticut

NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE:

REINSTATEMENT

Sec. 10.3423 Health requirements. National Service Life Insurance may be reinstated if application and tender of premiums are made:

(a) While the insured is in the active service. provided applicant be in as good health on the date of the application and tender of premiums as he was on the due date of the premium in default and furnishes evidence thereof satisfactory to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs. If application and tender of premiums are made within six months after the date of separation from active service or before January 1, 1947, insurance may be reinstated subject to the conditions herein prescribed for reinstatement by persons in the active service: vided. That when the insured makes inquiry prior to the expiration of the grace period disclosing a clear intent to continue insurance protection, such as a request for information concerning premium rates or conversion privileges, etc., an additional reasonable period not exceeding sixty days may be granted for payment of premiums due without the requirement of a comparative health statement; but the premiums in any such case must be paid during the lifetime of the insured: Provided further, That reinstatement under this subparagraph shall be restricted to applications submitted not more than six months after the termination of the present war, or before January 1, 1947, whichever is the later date.

> OMAR N. BRADLEY, General, U. S. Army, Administrator.

April 1, 1946

CHAPTER 168

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHT OF ELECTION TO BENEFITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW BASED ON WAGES PAID SUBSEQUENT TO TERMINATION OF MILITARY SERVICE IN LIEU OF PAYMENTS UNDER THE FEDERAL SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1944.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make available immediately to certain persons the right of election to benefits for unemployment, based on wages paid subsequent to termination of their military service, in lieu of payments under the federal Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as Tollows: Chapter seven hundred and one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one is hereby amended by striking out section five and inserting in place thereof the following section: - Section 5. If under an act of congress, payments with respect to the unemployment of persons who have completed a period of active military or naval service are payable by the United States, such persons shall be disqualified for benefits with respect to any week until they have exhausted all their rights to such payments from the United States, except those persons who subsequent to their termination of such service have been paid wages of one hundred and fifty dollars or more in any base period beginning with the nineteen hundred and forty-five base period. On or after April first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and at the time of the first filing of a claim in any benefit year, such persons may elect to file a claim under said chapter one hundred and fiftyone A. based on wages earned subsequent to said termination of such service and in the base period then in effect, or to file a claim for readjustment allowances under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 or any similar act of congress. If any such person elects to file a claim for readjustment allowances under the provisions of Title V of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 or a claim for payments with respect to unemployment under any similar act of congress he shall be disqualified for benefits under said chapter one hundred and fifty-one A for the then current benefit year unless he has exhausted such readjustment allowances or such payments under any other act of congress. Any person who is receiving readjustment allowances under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 as of April first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and who has been paid wages of one hundred and fifty dollars or more in the nineteen hundred and forty-five. base period subsequent to the termination of his active military or naval service, may file on or after April first, but not later than April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-six, a claim under said chapter one hundred and fifty-one A in like manner as hereinbefore set forth in this section.

Approved March 28, 1946

(CHAP. 55)

AN ACT LIMITING THE TIME DURING WHICH CERTAIN LEG-ISLATION PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY RE-EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS DURING WORLD WAR II SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE, AND PENALIZING VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH LEGISLATION.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to make possible the more prompt termination of the provisions of the act to which this is an amendment, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter sixteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-two is hereby amended by striking out section three and inserting in place thereof the two following sections: --Section 3. Whoever violates, and whoever neglects or refuses to comply with, any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars.

Section 4. This act shall remain in effect only until the first day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and employments hereunder shall not extend beyond said date.

Approved February 25, 1946

Supervision of Veteran Trainees

SUPERVISION OF VETERANS ENROLLED IN TRAINING COURSES

Veterans' Administration, Circular 61, March 14, 1946

- l. With the view to ascertaining whether the veteran in training under Public Law 346 (201:1) actually is pursuing a bona fide course of training and with the further view to making more definite the determinations with reference to the conduct and progress of enrollees as provided for under Paragraph 2, V.A. Instruction No. 4; Paragraph 3, Instruction No. 5; and Paragraph 7, Instruction No. 7, Title II, Public Law 346, Managers are authorized and directed to institute direct supervision of veterans enrolled in schools and training-on-the-job establishments to the extent necessary to protect the interests of the Government and the veteran.
- 2. It is to be emphasized that the supervision will be of the veteran enrollee. The supervision will not be of the school or the training-on-the-job establishment, such supervision being prohibited by the first sentence of Paragraph 8, Part VIII, Title II. The necessity for and the importance of determining whether the veteran is actually pursuing a course of training at the place where he is enrolled and whether his conduct and his progress in the course are satisfactory will be evident from the fact that affirmative showing in these questions is the only basis upon which subsistence allow ance is payable under Paragraph 6, Part VIII, and on which continuance of payments is authorized under Paragraph 3, Part VIII.
- 3. With respect to veterans already enrolled under Part VIII and with respect to each veteran subsequently enrolled, VA Form 1905h will be prepared. The case of the veteran will then be assigned to a Training Officer and with respect to veterans in training-on-the-job the officer will call upon each training establishment and discuss with the proper officials, as may be necessary for mutual understanding, the significant provisions of the law and the policies of the V.A. governing training. He will then ascertain whether the veteran is pursuing a definite written program (course) of training and if so, he will obtain a copy of such course for V.A. records. A copy of any such program should likewise be in the hands of the veteran as basis for him to know what parts of the occupation he is expected to learn. If there is no definite course recorded, the training officer will explain that for the purposes of Public Law 346 it is necessary that a definite course be set down in writing, together with prescribed standards of progress and accomplishment, because it is only by observing evidence that a course exists at the establishment and is being pursued in accordance with prescribed standards that the V.A. may pay the veteran the subsistence allowance which the law makes payable only while the veteran is enrolled in and pursuing such a course.

Also, a recording of the course is a common necessity as a basis for determining whether the veteran is progressing satisfactorily in the course. Determination that satisfactory progress is being made by the veteran is the basis upon which the continuance of subsistence allowance payments is authorized by the law.

In training-on-the-job situations, it will be considered that the veteran is enrolled in and pursuing a course where there is of record at the particular establishment a program of training for the veteran, in which program there are listed the major kinds of work which together make up the particular occupation for which the veteran is enrolled for training, and under each of these major kinds of work there are listed as many as practicable of the constituent work tasks, job operations, processes, and items of occupational information, together with time elements and standards of satisfactory accomplishment. It is equally necessary that there be in operation for the veteran in connection with the pursuit of his course a recording at frequent intervals of the kinds of jobs or tasks or activities in which the veteran engages at the establishment. So far as possible, these should be set down in terms which relate clearly to the particular elements of the veteran's training program or course so that it may at all times be evident what parts of the course the veteran has worked on and completed, so that it may be determined whether the veteran has progressed satisfactorily in the course during the time he has been in training. The veteran should not be required, nor permitted, to take any longer time to complete a course of training than the time necessary under reasonably good conditions; the veteran must not be allowed to continue in training status merely because he has further entitlement and desires to augment his income through the subsistence allowance. In order to avoid subsidized labor, the present rate of pay to the particular veteran will be observed to determine whether, considering the type of work he is doing in his training and the proficiency with which he is performing his duties the veteran is being paid a sufficient rate of wage. No veteran shall be considered as pursuing a course of training-on-the-job under Public Law 346 unless it is clear that the course of training is definitely outlined; will qualify the veteran directly for appointment to the position for which the training is being given; and there is available, or there will be available, the particular position to which the veteran will be appointed upon completion of the course. The veteran will not be considered as pursuing a course if he is training for a position which cannot be attained directly as a result of completing the course.

(NO RECORDED COURSE)

- 5. If there is no recorded course and none will be prepared, it will be concluded that the veteran is not pursuing a course of training, and, therefore, under the terms of the law, may not be paid subsistence allowance. Thereupon, the establishment will be informed erally by the Training Officer, subject to confirmation in writing by the Manager, that because the veteran is not pursuing a course of education or training, subsistence allowance is not payable to that veteran in that establishment, and the veteran will, of necessity, be removed from the V.A. rolls. The veteran if he so desires may change to another training establishment and the V.A. may assist in any way that is feasible to find a suitable training establishment.
- 6. If there is no recorded course of training, but assurance is given by the establishment that such course will be recorded promptly, the veteran will be continued in training status in that institution for such period as is reasonably necessary to prepare the record of the course.

Such assistance as may be desired by the institution and is feasible to provide will be rendered by the V.A. It is to be understood, however, that under the law the preparation of the course is the responsibility of the institution, not of the V.A.

- 7. Where the Training Officer in observing the activities of the veteran enrollee finds that the veteran is not progressing at a reasonable rate through the variety of activities which make up the recorded course, he will determine whether the failure is due to the establishment failing to afford the veteran that variety of activity which reasonably is to be expected. If it is found that the condition is due to failure of the establishment, it will be concluded that the veteran's progress is not satisfactory. In such case, the institution and the veteran will be advised orally, later to be confirmed in writing by the Manager, and unless assurance of correcting the defect is forthcoming, the veteran will be removed from training status in that institution. Similarly, where it is found that the veteran's conduct or progress is not satisfactory due to fault on his part, the situation will be discussed with the veteran and with the establishment, including warning that training will be discontinued unless correction is undertaken immediately. This will be confirmed by letter from the Manager. The veteran will be given reasonable opportunity to correct the defect. If the veteran fails to correct the defect to accord with the prescribed standards, he will be removed from training status under the provisions of Paragraph 3, Part VIII, Title II of the law. A veteran whose training is discontinued under these circumstances will not be restored to training status, except where there is given in writing by the veteran, satisfactory explanation of his failure and assurance which is considered by the Manager to be sufficiently reliable to warrant acceptance.
- 8. A copy of this instruction will be sent by the Manager to the appropriate agency of the State responsible for approving training establishments; also, a copy will be sent to each training establishment in which veterans are now or hereafter enrolled and pursuing a course of training. Additional copies of this Circular will be forwarded under separate cover to Managers of Regional Offices to provide for this distribution.
- 9. Managers responsible for the supervision of training as required by this instruction are authorized and directed to take steps necessary to procure personnel and other requirements for the purpose. (7 D)

By direction of the Administrator,

ELDON L. BAILEY, Executive Assistant Administrator.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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2. Hospitalization in a private or contract hospital may also be authorized under the conditions outlined above in an emergency. It will be distinctly understood and the veteran so informed that the furnishing of emergency hospitalization or out-patient treatment does not imply that, for pension purposes, the decision on his claim will be in favor of service connection. The veteran will be further informed that, if his claim for pension is disallowed, he will not thereafter be entitled to any further out-patient treatment and that, as hospitalization in private or contract hospitals is restricted to service-connected cases, subsequent rehospitalization in a private hospital or a hospital with which a contract is in force with the V. A. may not be authorized. (10 DD)

By direction of the Administrator

ELDON L. BAILEY, Executive Assistant Administrator.



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Enclosed is a copy of the proposed revision of Chapter #115 G.L. as unanimously recommended by the legislative "Special Committee Relative to Economic and other Post War Problems," for consideration by the Legislature. Chapter #115 is the authority for state and local financial benefits for veterans and their dependents.

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The Federation strongly endorses this legislation because it provides for a more equitable distribution of the costs of veterans' care and corrects the confusing contradictory and archaic provisions of the present law. At present the cities and towns bear 90% of the total costs. This ratio must be changed or the additional expenditures created by a 300% increase in veteran population, as a result of World War II, will become an unbearable burden.

There will be 800,000 veterans in Massachusetts after World War II, who, with their dependents, will form a group equal to one-half the population of the Commonwealth, all of whom will be eligible for care of one kind or another under our veterans' law, if they become in need. Experience has shown that the year of maximum cost of care for veterans is reached about 44 years after the end of any war. We are, therefore, entering the period of maximum cost for 172,000 World War I veterans which will be reached about 1961. At that time we will then enter the same period for the 600,000 World War II veterans that will reach its maximum about 1985. It is evident that the problem of veterans' care will be with us for many years to come.

The proposed changes do not create any new types of financial assistance that will increase the overall cost of veterans' care to the state, cities and towns. The proposed law does, however, increase the percentage of state participation in this overall cost that will relieve the communities of a considerable amount of their expenditures that are now paid by local funds.

The proposed law reflects the following changes:

1. It extends state participation in the benefits paid to certain veterans' wives, and children who are now cared for by 100% local funds.



- 2. It extends state benefits to the veteran, his wife, widow and children in those cases where the veterans' military service is not credited to the Commonwealth, but where they have a legal settlement in the state and are eligible for care by the towns through 100% local funds.
- 3. It extends greater state benefits to the dependents of deceased veterans which dependents are now entitled to only \$10 a month from the state with the balance of cost of care falling 100% on local funds.

There is nothing in the proposed new Chapter #115 that will limit the activities of any community in any phase of veterans' care. Home rule is not affected in any way. Conflicting provisions of the law have been eliminated. Confusing sections have been clarified and the only major change is to provide greater state reimbursement to cities and towns as a larger share in the total cost of veterans' care.

The official printed report of the Commission will be presented to the Legislature about May 15th and will be heard before the legislative committee on Military Affairs and Fublic Safety at a later date. A copy will be sent you at that time. In the meantime will you please examine the attached revision and compare it with the present Chapter #115.

The Federation will be pleased to have your comments and recommendations.

Very truly yours,

Norman MacDonald

Executive Director

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GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 115

Veterans Benefits

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SECTION 1. The following words, as used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the following meaning:

"Commissioner"--commissioner of veterans' services.

"Veteran" -- any person, male or female, who served in:

- 1. The Civil War in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States between the nineteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the first day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, or who served in the military organizations of this commonwealth mustered into the service of the United States while a citizen of this commonwealth, and who died while in such service or received an honorable discharge or release from his or her last war time service.
- 2. The Indian War Service of the United States under the authority or by the approval of the United States or any state or territory in any Indian war or campaign, or in connection with or in the zone of any active Indian hostilities in any of the states or territories of the United States prior to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and who died while in such service or received an honorable discharge or release from his or her last war time service.
- 3. The Spanish War Service, or in the regular army, navy, or marine corps of the United States in or during the period of the Philippine Insurrection or China Relief Expedition between February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, and who died while in such service or received an honorable discharge or release from his or her last war time service.
- 4. The Mexican Border Service and who were mustered into the military service of the United States as part of the quota of this commonwealth called for service on the Mexican border between June thirteenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen and February third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, having been mustered into such service while an inhabitant of a town in this commonwealth and actually residing therein;
- 5. The World War I Service, in the army, navy, coast guard or marine corps of the United States between February third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen, having been mustered or inducted into or enlisted in such service, and who died while in such service or received an honorable discharge or release from his or her last war time service.
- 6. The World War II Service in the army, navy, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States between September sixteenth nineteen hundred and forty, and the date of the termination of said war as determined by the Congress of the United States, or by proclamation of the President having been mustered or inducted into or enlisted in service, and who died while in such service or received an honorable discharge or release from his or her last war time service.

"Dependent"--the dependent wife, widow, dependent children up to the age of eighteen of any veteran as defined above and any child dependent by reason of physical or mental incapacity, providing such child was dependent prior to death of the veteran; crippled or otherwise helpless children whether minors or adults, provided such children are in receipt of a pension from the United States; dependent widowed mother, needy fathers and mothers and any person who stood to the relationship of a

parent for five years prior to the military service of a veteran, and any army or navy nurse who served in the army, navy or marine corps during the Civil, Indian, or Spanish Wars.

"Town," -- sall include city.

Commissioner, Powers and Duties, etc.

SECTION 2. The commissioner shall perform the duties required of him under this chapter relative to veterans benefits. He shall investigate, so far as the interests of the commonwealth require, all payments for veterans' benefits under this chapter; shall furnish information, prepare papers and expedite the adjudication of claims, assist claimants in proving their cases, keep a record of work done in his office and make an annual report.

The commissioner shall decide all controversies of veterans' settlements between towns and subject to the approval of the Attorney General, his decisions shall be final.

The commissioner shall be the agent of all state departments of the commonwealth in all appeal or review cases before the Veterans Administration of the United States government on all questions of federal compensation or pensions, and all state departments shall refer such appeals or reviews by veterans or their dependents under their care to the commissioner for appropriate action. Power of attorney forms used by state department heads shall be supplied by the commissioner and shall be the same as used by his office.

Commissioner to determine Controversies, etc.

SECTION 3. The Commissioner shall determine all controversies between veterans and/or dependents and town authorities relative to claims for veterans benefits. He may refuse to decide on the necessity of a claimant for benefits, but if he shall determine that a claimant is entitled thereto he may authorize its payment to him or her monthly for not more than one year, under such limitations as he may impose. An appeal may be taken from his determination to the governor and council, whose decision shall be final.

Banks, etc., to furnish information to commissioner

SECTION 4. A treasurer of a savings bank, institution for savings, national bank, trust company, co-operative bank, benefit association, insurance company or safe deposit company who, upon request in writing signed by the commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, unreasonably refuses to inform him of the amount deposited in the corporation or association to the credit of a person named in such request who is a recipient of veterans' benefits under this chapter or an applicant therefor, or who wilfully renders false information in reply to such request, shall forfeit fifty dollars to the use of the commonwealth.

The employer of any applicant for veterans' benefits under this chapter, who, upon like written request, unreasonably refuses to inform the commissioner of the amount of money paid by such employer to the applicant at any time during his employment by such employer or who wilfully renders false information in respect to such a request shall forfeit fifty dollars to the use of the commonwealth.

No almoner or public welfare department, etc., to act as agent or disbursing officer, etc.

SECTION 5. No almoner or member of the board of public welfare, or officer performing similar duties, or any agent of any of them in any city or town, shall directly or indirectly act as agent or disbursing officer of the aldermen or selectmen for the payment of veterans' benefits; provided, that this section shall not operate to prevent selectmen in towns who are also members of boards of public welfare from acting in their capacity as selectmen or through an agent acting for the selectmen, provided such agent is not performing duties in or for any other public assistance department or agency.

Applications for Aid

SECTION 6. Applicants for veterans' benefits shall, before any payment thereof to them, state in writing on oath the name, age and residence of the person for whom such benefits are sought, his relation to the person who rendered the service entitling the applicant to benefits, the company, regiment, station, organization or vessel in or to which the veteran enlisted or was appointed and in which the veteran last served; the date and place of such enlistment, if known; the duration of such service and the reason upon which the claim for benefits is founded; and shall furnish such official certificates of record, evidence of enlistment, service and discharge as may be required. The original papers in each case shall be filed with the commissioner, who shall from time to time provide each town with blank forms for the use of applicants.

To whom Benefits shall be paid

SECTION 7. Veterans' benefits shall be paid to or for any veteran, or dependent of a veteran, as defined in section one of this chapter, provided the veteran or dependent resides in the commonwealth, and shall be paid to recipients by the town of settlement of the veteran or dependent, or by the town of residence if the veteran or dependent has no settlement in any town, but has resided in the commonwealth continuously for three years immediately preceding the date of application for benefits. Such benefits shall be furnished by the aldermen, selectmen, or, in Boston by the soldiers relief commissioner without authority of a vote of the city council or of the town, and shall be paid to the recipient only by, through or under the person or direction of city or town officers authorized to disburse veterans' benefits.

Only such amounts shall be paid to or for any veteran or dependent as is necessary to afford him or her sufficient relief or support. Such benefits shall not be paid to or for any person able to support him or herself, or who is in receipt of income from any source sufficient for their support, nor in a namount in excess of such an amount as is necessary, in addition to any income, for their personal relief or support nor to or for any veteran or dependent if the necessity therefor is caused by the voluntary idleness or continuous vicious or intemporate habits of the veteran or dependent on whose account such benefits are sought, nor to or for any person who has been dishonorably discharged from any national soldiers or sailors home or from the soldiers home in this commonwealth, unless the commissioner, after a hearing, shall otherwise determine, nor shall such benefits be paid to any person who at the time of entering the federal service was a subject or citizen of a neutral country, had filed his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and afterward withdrew such intention under the act of Congress approved on July ninth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, nor to any person designated upon his discharge as a conscientious objector, nor shall such benefits be paid to or for any person convicted of a crime unless the town authorities and the commissioner otherwise determine, nor shall veterans' benefits be paid if the

veteran deserted from the service of the United States during time of war or rebellion, as described in section one of this chapter, or is wilfully absent from his family and neglects to render them such assistance as he is able to give. Nor shall a town pay benefits to any veteran or dependent who has a settlement in the state only, as described in Paragraph one of this section, until it has furnished to the commissioner such evidence as may be required that the applicant is entitled to receive benefits and has received from said commissioner an order fixing the maximum amount to be paid a month and the period during which aid may be allowed, and stating such other conditions as the commissioner may impose relative thereto. Said order may be revoked or modified by the commissioner by giving written notice to the town procuring it.

Dependents, in case of the death of a veteran, shall not be deemed ineligible to receive said support by reason of criminal or willful misconduct on the part of the veteran, at any time during his or her lifetime; but should the veteran have all the qualifications except settlement, his widow who has acquired a legal settlement in her own right and who has not remarried or lost said settlement, and dependent children under eighteen years of age shall be eligible to receive assistance under this section. If an applicant for veterans' benefits has a settlement outside of the town where the application is made, the official required to act thereon shall, within three days, notify the corresponding official in the town of applicant's settlement, and also the commissioner. If the town of settlement of an applicant for veterans' benefits unreasonably delays in aiding the applicant after receipt of said notice, the town of the applicant's residence shall forthwith grant such aid as the commissioner may order, and the town so granting such aid shall be reimbursed in full therefor by the town of applicant's settlement. Any town official required to act on such order of the commissioner who refuses or neglects to comply therewith shall be punished by a fine of not less than twentyfive dollars or more than one hundred dollars.

The veteran or dependent shall receive said benefits at home, or at such other place as the aldermen, selectmen or soldiers' relief commissioner deem proper, but he shall not be compelled to receive the same at an infirmary or public institution unless his physical or mental condition requires, or, if a minor, unless his parents or guardian so elect.

No back benefits shall be paid beyond the date of application.

Veterans benefits shall not be subject to trustee process, and no assignment thereof shall be valid.

How Furnished

SECTION 8. The alderman or selectmen shall furnish such benefits without authority of a vote of the city council or of the town. Such benefits shall be furnished only by, through or under the agency or direction of city or town officers authorized to disburse veterans' benefits. Upon complaint of any person aggrieved by the failure to furnish such benefits or upon complaint of any citizen that such benefits are being granted contrary to the provisions of the preceding section, the commissioner shall forthwith make a thorough investigation and determine the amount of benefits, if any, to be given. The decision of the commissioner shall be final, but may at any time be amended or reversed by him. The supreme judicial court, by mandamus, upon petition of the attorney general at the relation of the commissioner, may compel the proper city or town officer to give the amount of benefits determined by the commissioner.

Upon written request therefor by the mayor of a city or the selectmen of a town, the commissioner shall forthwith investigate any matter relating to the administration therein of the laws relating to the furnishing of such benefits, and the expenses of such an investigation shall be certified by the commissioner to the state treasurer and shall be collected by him as a state tax upon such city or town.

Additional powers of town officials

SECTION 9. Except as provided in section three none of the provision of this chapter shall be construed so as to prevent the persons authorized to disburse veterans' benefits from paying such benefits in excess of the amounts authorized by the commissioner or from paying benefits to an eligible veteran or dependent in any case in which the commissioner fails to authorize reimbursement if in their opinion the payment of such benefits are warranted.

Reimbursement of Cities and Towns for Veterans' Benefits, Returns, etc.

The full amount expended by any town for such veterans' benefits as are authorized by the commissioner, the names of the persons aided, the amounts paid to or for each person, the reasons therefor, the names of the persons on account of whose services the benefits were granted, the names, if any, of the companies, regiments, stations, organizations or vessels in which they respectively enlisted, or to which they were appointed, and in which they last served, and the relationship of each person aided, to the soldier or sailor on account of whose service the benefits were granted, and such other details as the commissioner may require, shall, within the first ten days of the month following the month in which the expenditure was made, be certified on oath by the mayor, treasurer and commissioner of veterans' services or corresponding officer, or in Boston through soldiers' relief commission or if there is no such commissioner or officer, the city clerk of any city or a majority of the selectmen of any town disbursing the same, to said commissioner on blank forms provided by him, and in a manner approved by him. The commissioner shall examine the certificates thereof and allow and endorse thereon such amounts as he finds have been paid and reported according to this chapter, and shall transmit the certificates to the comptroller. The commissioner may decide upon the necessity of the amount paid in each case, and may allow any part thereof which he deems proper and lawful. One half of the amounts authorized and paid as aforesaid to veterans or dependents by towns of settlement and all of the amounts so authorized and paid to veterans or dependents who have a settlement in the commonwealth only, as described in section 7, but none of the expenses attending the payment of these benefits, shall be reimbursed by the commonwealth to the several cities and towns on or before November tenth in the year after such expenditures.

Conditions of receiving veterans' benefits notice in Certain Cases

SECTION 11. No veteran or dependent shall be compelled to receive veterans' benefits without his or her consent, nor shall any person be compelled to receive veterans' benefits in an infirmary or other public institution unless his physical or mental condition requires it, and, except in such case, it shall be paid to or expended for those persons only who live separate from persons receiving support under chapter one hundred and seventeen or chapter one hundred and twenty-two. The aldermen, selectmen, veterans service officer, and in Boston the Soldiers Relief Commissioner or the commissioner may require a person to whom veterans' benefits are granted to pay over his United States pension or compensation to them to be expended for his relief before receiving such benefits. In all cases where an applicant for veterans' benefits has a settlement outside the town where application is made, the official required to act thereon shall, within three days, notify the corresponding official in the town of the applicant's settlement, and also the commissioner.

Veterans receiving Hospital Treatment Outside the Commonwealth Eligible for Veterans Benefits

SECTION 12. No veteran, who is or shall be otherwise entitled to veterans' benefits shall lose his right thereto by reason of his absence from the commonwealth while receiving hospital treatment, under order of the United States Veterans' Administration, at any hospital located outside the commonwealth.

Investigating Agents, Appointment, etc. Investigations by Municipal Authorities

SECTION 13. The commissioner may, with the consent of the governor, appoint, as occasion may require, one or more disinterested persons who shall investigate any claims against the commonwealth for veterans' benefits, may examine any persons to or for whom such benefits have been paid, investigate the reasons therefor and all matters relating to the granting of such benefits, and shall report their doings to the commissioner. The reasonable expenses of the commissioner, and the expenses and compensation of any such disinterested person, approved by the commissioner and allowed by the governor and council, shall be paid by the commonwealth. Municipal authorities charged with the disbursing of veterans' benefits shall from time to time, after its original allowance, make such investigations of the necessities and qualifications of the person cided as to prevent any payment thereof contrary to any provision of this chapter.

Burial Agents in Cities and Towns, Designation, Powers and Duties

SECTION 14. The mayor of each city and the selectmen of each town or, in Boston, the soldiers relief commissioner, shall designate a burial agent, who shall not be one of the board of public welfare or be employed by said board and who shall, under regulations established by the commissioner, cause properly to be interred the body of any honorably discharged veteran as defined in Section I, provided, that the veteran died in such service or after an honorable discharge therefrom or release from active duty therein; and shall also so inter the body of any dependent as defined in section one if they die without sufficient means to defray funeral expenses, and the bodies of dependent children eighteen years of age or under, of such veterans if such veteran and his wife, or his widow, be without sufficient means to defray funeral expenses. If interment has taken place without the knowledge of the burial agent, application may be made to him within thirty days after the date of death, or after final interment, if the veteran dies in the service; and if upon investigation he shall find that the deceased was within the provisions of this section and the rules of the commissioner, he may certify the same as provided in the following section.

Expense of Burial limited, Conduct of Funeral, Returns and Reimbursement

SECTION 15. The amount of the allowance for a burial as aforesaid, in the case of a veteran or dependent as defined in section one, shall not exceed one hundred dollars, and in the case of a dependent child, fifty dollars up to the age of thirteen, and one hundred dollars from the age of thirteen up to the age of eighteen: but if the total expense of the burial, by whomsoever incurred, in the case of a veteran or dependent shall exceed two hundred and fifty dollars, or in the case of a child up to the age of thirteen, one hundred and fifty dollars, from the age of thirteen up to the age of eighteen two hundred and fifty dollars, no payment therefor shall be made by the commonwealth. The burial shall not be made in any cemetary or burial ground used exclusively for the burial of persons buried under the provisions of chapter one hundred and seventeen, or in any part of any cemetary or burial ground so used. Relatives of the deceased who are unable to bear the expense of burial may be allowed to conduct the funeral. The full amount so expended, the name of the deceased veteran, the regiment, company, station, organization or vessel in which he or she served, the date of death, place of interment, and in case of a wife or widow the name of the husband and date of marriage, and in the case of a dependent child the name of the veteran, and such other details as the commissioner may require, shall be certified on oath to him, in such manner as he may approve, by the burial agent and the treasurer of the town expending the amount, within three months after the burial; and the commissioner shall endorse upon the certificate his allowance of such amounts as he finds have been paid, and reported according to the foregoing provisions, and shall transmit the certificate to the comptroller. One half the amounts legally paid and so allowed, with no expense for disbursement, shall be reimbursed by the commonwealth to the several towns on or before November tenth in the year after the expenditures have been made,

Certain Provisions Not to Apply

SECTION 16. The provisions of the two preceding sections relative to burial of needy veterans and their dependents shall not apply to any person who at the time of entering the federal service during the world war was a subject or citizen of a neutral country who had filed his intention to become a citizen of the United States and who afterward withdrew such intention under the act of congress approved July ninth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, nor to any person designated upon his discharge as a conscientious objector.

Care of Graves of Veterans

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SECTION 17. In every town there shall annually be appointed by the mayor or selectmen a citizen of the town, preferably a veteran who shall see that every cemetery lot where there is a grave of any veteran is suitably kept and cared for. If the cost of such care and maintenance is not paid by private persons, or by the trustees of the cemeteries where any such grave is situated, it shall be paid by the town; and towns may appropriate money therefor. Money so appropriated may be expended directly by the town or paid over to the trustees or manager of any cemetery where any such grave is situated; but the sum so paid over in any year shall not exceed for each grave the sum charged for the annual care and maintenance of like lots in the same cemetery, or, if no such charge is made in that cemetery, it shall not exceed the sum charged in other cemeteries in the same town for like services.

Recording of Discharge or Release Papers of Veterans

SECTION 18. The discharge or release papers of veterans shall upon request, be recorded with the official in charge of veterans matters in the city or town of the holder's residence in books kept for that purpose. No fee shall be charged the veteran for such recording. The said official shall prepare and keep an index of the papers so recorded, and copies of such papers, if attested by him, shall be admitted as sufficient evidence thereof whenever they are otherwise competent.

The clerk of each city or town shall forthwith, following the effective date of this act, deliver to the official in charge of veterans' matters in his city or town all records and other papers then in his custody relating to discharges or releases of veterans.

Hospital or Home Care

SECTION 19. The commissioner shall authorize such sums as he deems necessary to provide special care in a hospital or at home for persons who served in the Army or Navy of the United States in the war of the rebellion and received an honorable discharge from all enlistments therein, their wives and widows, who are in need of such care.

One half of the amounts legally paid as aforesaid and so allowed for special care and all payments for state settled persons entitled to special care, but none of the expenses attending the payments for said care, shall be reimbursed by the commonwealth to the several cities and towns on or before November 10, in the year after such expenditures. The person charged with disbursing veterans benefits in each town, shall within three days of receiving an application for benefits under this section, notify the commissioner of such application upon blanks approved by him. Any person charged with such disbursement who refuses or unreasonably neglects to give notice required by this section within the time and substantially in the form herein required shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Commissioner of Veterans Services

State House, Boston 33

August 6, 1946

Dear Sir:

The cooperation of the Hon. Maurice J. Tobin has been asked in bringing to your attention the enclosed appeal.

We have been advised officially under date of July 29, 1946 by the Australian Consul General, Mr. Charles J. Kellway, that it is a meritable project, worthy of support.

Very truly yours,

Francis X. Cotter, Cottes Commissioner.

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Governor Maurice J. Tobin, Boston, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

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Dear Governor Tobin,

Our desire in writing this letter to you as First Citizen of the State of Massachusetts is to place before you certain facts which we hope will further cement those bonds made between our respective countries during the War recently finished.

The never-to-be-forgotten parts played by the Army, Navy and Air Corps of our respective countries in such places as the Coral Sea, Bismarck Sea, Milne Bay, Buna, Guadalcanal etc. are worthy of generous remembrance, and such is our desire.

As you know, Queensland was the advanced base for both American and Australian troops for the greater part of the Pacific War - General MacArthur's Headquarters being originally established in Brisbane; as a result, we naturally saw and had close contact with lots of your boys whom, needless to say, we were glad to welcome as brothers-in-arms, united in a common cause.

To commemorate our fallen comrades, the people of Queensland have decided to build a National War Memorial in the form of a large Executive Building, housing all associations concerned with the welfare of veterans. This building will be known as ANZAC (Australian New Zealand Army Corps) HOUSE, and will cost £200,000.

Erected in the heart of the City of Brisbane, in dignified surroundings, architectural skill and taste

Let's Give for Those who Gave so Much!

will be the key-stones dictating its building. It will provide every facility for returned Servicemen and Servicewomen, while serving as a memorial to the fallen.

To commemorate our American comrades and the wonderful part they played in helping to save our country, we desire to set aside a section that will be "forever America". This will serve as a perpetual reminder of the many sons of Uncle Sam who gave their all in the cause of World Freedom.

In order to do this, we are inviting the various towns in the United States to co-operate with us - feeling sure that this would be their wish.

We would, therefore, like to obtain from each of the American States a "token" stone, preferably from a building having some historic or revered significance, which could be incorporated in a selected section of the building. This token stone - which need not be very large - would be suitably inscribed by us, upon receipt of the stone and the relevant details.

Possibly some of the Cities, whose sons have found their final resting place with us would like to participate financially in the proposed Memorial - in which case, a grant or donation would be greatly appreciated and faithfully applied.

As we are without facilities to enable us to contact the Mayors of the various Cities within your State, we are hopeful of enlisting your generous assistance in this respect. Could you have the contents of this communication conveyed to the various municipal bodies of the larger towns so that, should they desire to participate, they will be given the opportunity of so doing.

Under separate cover we are forwarding you a quantity of leaflets, as attached, which will serve to indicate the opinions of leading members of our community on the proposed National War Memorial, from which you will see that the project has the unstinted approbation of all leaders of public thought.

Yours faithfully,

(G.E. DeVene)
Director.



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His Excellency the Governor, Sir Leslie Wilson:

"In the past one of the charges brought against the people of the Empire has been a charge of ingratitude to those who have served them so well when fighting for our liberties and for those causes we hold so dear. No suspicion of such an accusation against us must be brought again."

Mr. E. M. Hanion, Acting Premier:

"We must show in deeds that we meant the word we used when we told the boys we would never forget the great service they had rendered in preserving this country free from the forces of destruction and the enemies of civilisation."

Mr. G. F. R. Nicklin, Leader of the Opposition :

"Those who made the supreme sacrifice would wish for nothing better than the memorial proposed, which will be of great practical value to their cobbers who survive. It is a truism to say that they died that others might live" others might live.

His Grace, Archbishop Duhig:

"It will, I feel confident, be regarded not only as a duty, but as a privilege, to share in the expense of erecting and equipping a new Anzac House that will remain for generations to come a fitting memorial to our fighting forces.'

His Grace, Archbishop Haise:
"It gives me pleasure to commend the Appeal that is being made, and when the work is complete it should be of lasting benefit to the country."

- Rev. H. M. Wheller, ex-President, Queensland Council of Churches:

 "It is right and proper that there should be a noble shrine in memory of those who yielded up their lives in the defence of our liberties."
- Rev. H. S. R. Innes, Moderator, Presbyterian Church:
 "With right good will I commend the Anzac House Appeal. We have a
 debt to pay to our men, and paid it must be. But we must go beyond
 this and be generous."
- Aid. J. B. Chandler, M.L.A., Lord Mayor of Brisbane:
 "Giving to such a cause allows civilians to express in some way their gratitude to our fighting men who kept Australia-free from an invader."
- Mr. H. G. Turner, Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation "We are whole-heartedly behind the scheme. Such a returned service personnel centre would be of inestimable value to ex-service men and women.
- Mr. W. F. Allen, Chief Rehabilitation Officer, Directorate of Manpower:

 "Anzac House will be the logical place to which ex-service men and women could look for expert assistance if they were diffident or confused in seeking a solution of post-war problems."
- Mr. J. L. Rawlings, President, Brisbane Legacy Club: "The R.S.S.A.I.L.A. has, since its inception, championed the cause of the soldier throughout Australia, and is thus fitted to sponsor such an appeal to the public for the money to build Anzac House."
- Mrs. G. L. Byth, President of the National Council of Women:
 "The appeal has a most worthy object and will, I feel sure, have the most sympathetic support of the community.
- **Mr. Mealy, General Secretary, Q.T.L.C.:

 "Any project which has for its purpose the speeding up of rehabilitation of ex-service men and women by making it easier for them to find their rightful place in industry, and helping them to make the change-over to civil life, must have the approval of all who want to see this country develop as it should."
- Wr. E. E. Stevens, President, Queensland Council of A.I.F. Units:

 "My Council pledges its loyalty to the schame and to the controlling body, and trusts that the splendid example of the State Government be an incentive to bodies and individuals alike to provide the amount required in record time."

IT'S YOUR TURN NOW!

GIVE TO THE ANZAC HOUSE APPEAL

AND HELP BUILD QUEENSLAND'S NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO APPEAL DIRECTOR, PUBLIC CURATOR'S AROADE,

267 EDWARD STREET, BRISBANE

Chapter 532

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT PROVIDING TEMPORARILY FOR A COURSE OF SCHOOL INSTRUCTION BEYOND THE REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF ENSTRUCTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF VETERANS AND OTHERS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend, in part, to defeat its purpose, which is to provide immediately activated course of school instruction beyond the regular high school course of instruction for veterans and others who are unable to secure admission to educational institutions of higher training on account of crowded conditions in such institutions, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law mecessary for the preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as SECTION 1. If the school committee of any city or any town determines that sufficient need exists in such city or town for providing a course of school instruction beyond the regular high school course of instruction, such school committee may establish and maintain such extended course of instruction on junior college level, with the approval of the state department of education, which shall not exceed two years in duration, and public funds may be appropriated for the purpose. SECTION 2. If such school committee votes that such extended course of instruction be established and maintained in such city or town. said committee shall submit in writing a plan of such course to the state department of education for its written approval; provided, that the course of instruction proposed in said plan shall conform to such standards as said department may establish and shall be maintained by said school committee under the general regulations of said department. SECTION 3. Any such school committee shall establish as one of the rules of admission to the benefits of such extended course of instruction that the persons. therein enrolled, or responsible agents acting in their behalf. shall pay toward the cost of maintaining such course such sum, not exceeding the actual cost thereof, as said school committee shall determine. If a city or town does not maintain such course of instruction, it may pay the charge authorized by this section in the case of any person who resides therein and obtains from its school committee a certificate to take the course in another city or town maintaining the same. SECTION 4. Any such school committee shall charge fees provided by section three, which shall be paid into the treasury of such city or town. Two or more cities or towns in which the establishment of such extended course of instruction has been voted and approved as hereinabove provided may jointly establish and maintain such a course for the accommodation of said municipalities. The manage ment and control of such course of instruction, the logation of the schoolhouse where such course will be maintained and the apportionment of the expenses of the maintenance of the course and all incidental expenses shall be determined, on a pro rata pupil basis, by the school committees of the participating towns.

SECTION 6. Any city or town maintaining an extended course of instruction as provided by this act shall be eligible to receive state reimbursement for expenses incurred therefor in the manner prescribed for such reimbursement in the case of high schools. SECTION 7. This act shall cease to be operative after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

Approved June 13, 1946

Chapter 533

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT TEMPORARILY PROVIDING FOR AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN THE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGES AND THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF ART FOR CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEATH WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN WORLD WAR II OR VETERANS OF SAID WAR.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to provide at once an educational program for residents of the commonwealth who are members of the armed forces of the present war or veterans of said war, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: Chapter six hundred and sixty of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five is hereby amended by striking out section one and inserting in place thereof the following section: Section 1. The department of education is hereby authorized and directed to provide for residents of the commonwealth who are members of the armed forces in World War II or veterans of said war an educational program at each of the state teachers colleges and at the Massachusetts School of Art, such program to include, in addition to the subjects mentioned in sections two and two A of chapter seventythree of the General Laws, instruction in such subjects as it deems expedient in the training of such members of the armed forces or veterans in the fields of arts, science and industry. Such educational program may be availed of by any person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during World War II and has received a discharge or release, other than a dishonorable one, from such service.

Approved June 13, 1946

Chapter 547

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PLACING OF VETERANS! CHILDREN IN FOSTER HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as fol-SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and nineteen of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section one, as amended by section one of chapter six hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, and inserting in place thereof the following section: Section 1. Whoever for hire, gain or reward has in his custody or control at one time two or more infants, not related to him by blood or marriage, who are under fourteen years of age and unattended by a parent or guardian, for the purpose of providing them with care, food and lodging, except such of said infants as are two years of age or over but under fourteen years of age and have been placed in his custody or control by the department of public welfare of the commonwealth, in this chapter called the department, by any board of public welfare, by the institutions department of Boston or by any charitable corporation organized under the laws of the commonwealth, and except such of said infants as are two years of age or over but under fourteen years of age, are members of the same family and have been placed in his custody and control by any municipal veterans' service department, shall be deemed to maintain a boarding house for infants. This section shall not apply to a private school furnishing board and lodging to pupils and approved as provided in section one of chapter seventy-six, or to camps conducted for children during the summer months. SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter one hundred and nineteen, as amended by section two of said chapter six hundred and twenty-nine, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "commonwealth" in the eleventh line the words:- , or by any municipal veterans' service department, - so as to read as follows: - Section 2. The department may grant licenses to maintain boarding houses for infants. Every application therefor shall first be approved by the board of health of the town where such boarding house is to be maintained. The term of each such license shall be one year and the fee therefor shall be five dollars, except that no fee shall be required of any such boarding house all the infants in which have been placed therein by the department, by any board of public welfare, by the institutions department of Boston or by any charitable corporation organized under the laws of the commonwealth, or by any municipal veterans' service department, or by any combination of such departments, boards or corporations. Each such license shall state the name of the licensee. the particular premises where the business may be carried on, the maximum number of infants which may be boarded there at one time, and, if required by the department, it shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises. No greater number of infants than is authorized by the license shall be boarded at one time on the premises, and no infant shall be kept in a building or place not designated in the license. A record of licenses issued shall be kept by the department, which shall forthwith give notice of the granting of each such license and of its terms to the board of health of the town where the licensee resides. The department

and boards of health shall annually, and may, at any time, visit and inspect premises so licensed or designate a person therefor. SECTION 3. Section six of said chapter one hundred and nineteen, as amended by section three of said chapter six hundred and twentynine, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "commonwealth" in the thirteenth line the words:-, or from any municipal veterans' service department, - so as to read as follows:-Section 6. Whoever receives under his care or control, and whoever places under the care or control of another for compensation, an infant under fourteen years of age, not related by blood or marriage to the person receiving it, shall, within two days thereafter, give notice thereof, and of the terms upon which such infant was received, to the department, with the name, age and residence of the infant, its parents, and the persons from whom and by whom received; but if such an infant under two years of age was received from the board of public welfare of any town, or from the institutions department of Boston, or from any charitable corporation organized under the laws of the commonwealth, or from any municipal veterans' service department, such notice may state only the name and age of such infant and the name and location of the board, department or corporation from which received. SECTION 3A. chapter one hundred and nineteen is hereby further amended by striking out section eleven, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-Section 11. Sections nine and ten shall not apply to the department, the board of public welfare of a town, the institutions department of Boston, any incorporated charitable institution, or the officers or agents thereof, or any municipal veterans' service SECTION 4. Section fourteen of said chapter one hundred and nineteen, as amended by section six of said chapter six hundred and twenty-nine, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "commonwealth" in the seventh line the words:-, or from any municipal veterans' service department. - so as to read as follows: Section 14. Whoever receives and whoever places an infant under fourteen years of age for adoption or for giving it a home, or for procuring a home or adoption for it, except infants over two years of age received from the board of public welfare of any town, or from the institutions department of Boston, or from any charitable corporation organized under the laws of the commonwealth, or from any municipal veterans' service department, shall give written notice to the department of the receiving or placing of such infant, with its name, age and birthplace, and the name and residence of its parents, and upon request of the department shall give information and render reports required by it concerning such infant, and within two days after its discharge shall give written notice to the department of the discharge and disposal of such infant. The department may investigate the case, and at any time prior to a decree of adoption take any such infant into its custody if in its judgment public interest and the protection of the infant so require.

Approved June 13, 1946

Chapter 552

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CO-OPERATION BY THE COMMONWEALTH WITH THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REHABILITATION OF DISABLED VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as fol-SECTION 1. Chapter fifteen of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section six A, as most recently amended by chapter five hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, and inserting in place thereof the following section: Section 6A. The commissioner and the advisory board of education, and one person to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, which appointee shall be a person who, on account of his vocation, employment, occupation or affiliation, can be classed as a representative of organized labor. are hereby constituted and designated as the state board for vocational education to co-operate with the office of education, Federal Security Agency, in the administration of the act of congress approved June second, nineteen hundred and twenty, entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry and otherwise and their return to civil employment," and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, if any, and to co-operate with the veterans administration in the administration of federal laws and regulations relative to the rehabilitation of disabled veterans of World War II. and to secure for the commonwealth the benefits of said acts, laws and regulations. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections twenty-two A. twenty-two B and twenty-two D of chapter seventy-four said state board for vocational education shall be furnished with suitable quarters in the state house and may expend for salaries and other necessary expenses such amount as shall be appropriated therefor by the general court, together with any funds received by the state treasurer from the federal government under the provisions of said acts.

SECTION 2. Section twenty-one of chapter seventy-four of the General Laws, as amended by section ten of chapter four hundred and forty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "classes" in the fifth line the words:- or courses for training,- so as to read as follows:- Section 21. Subject to the following section, the funds received under said acts of congress mentioned in section nineteen shall be paid out, on requisition of the commissioner, as reimbursement for expenses already incurred, to approved schools and classes or courses for training entitled to receive them under said acts.

SECTION 3. Said chapter seventy-four is hereby further amended by inserting after section twenty-two C, inserted by chapter five hundred and sixty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, the following section: Section 22D. Said state board for vocational education is hereby directed to co-operate with the veterans administration in carrying out the provisions of federal

news and regulations relating to the rehabilitation of disabled reterans of World War II; to establish and maintain such schools, classes or courses for training as it is deemed advisable and necessary for the education, training and rehabilitation of disabled veterans and other veterans of World War II; to establish and maintain, or to assist in establishing or maintaining, with the consent of the commissioner on administration and finance, and with the approval of the governor, training facilities within the various institutions and departments of the federal government and of the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, located within the commonwealth; to co-operate with the veterans administration in the selection of the number of trainees to be placed in training, or otherwise to carry out the provisions of said federal laws and regulations.

SECTION 4. When there are vacancies under the classified civil service in positions involving the kind of work for which disabled veterans of World War II may receive training under the provisions of federal laws and regulations relating to the rehabilitation of such veterans, the director of civil service may on the request of the appointing authority authorize it to make provisional appointments of such disabled veterans as are certified by the veterans administration as eligible for training for such positions, which appointments may continue in force for the duration of their training periods as certified by the veterans administration under said federal laws and regulations, the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws or the rules and regulations made thereunder to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, that no appointments hereunder shall affect the rights of any other disabled veterans. The provisions of this section shall continue in force and effect nine years after the termination of the present war.

SECTION 5. The action of the governor in making and issuing on August thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-four, an executive order authorizing the board of collegiate authority of the department of education to compile and furnish to the administrator of veterans affairs a list of the educational and training institutions (including industrial establishments) within the commonwealth which are qualified and equipped to furnish education or training (including apprenticeship and refresher, or re-training, training) to such persons as shall enroll under Part VIII of Title II of Public Law 346, 78th Congress, chapter 268, 2nd Session, entitled "An Act to provide Federal Government Aid for the Readjustment in Civilian Life of Returning World War II Veterans", and any amendments thereof or additions thereto, is hereby expressly ratified and confirmed.

Approved June 13, 1946

Chapter 573

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS IN DEFRAYING EXPENSES INCURRED BY THEM IN CONDUCT-ING MILITARY FUNERALS OR BURIALS OF PERSONS WHO DIED IN OVERSEAS SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose which is to provide immediate financial assistance for certain veterans' organizations in the proper interment in this country of the bodies of persons who died while serving overseas during World War II, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: SECTION 1. Cities and towns may appropriate money for the purpose of reimbursing a post or posts of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States or the Disabled American Veterans of the World War for expenses actually incurred by such post or posts in connection with the military funeral or burial of a person who died while serving overseas in the military or naval service of the United States in World War II, and who was domiciled in this commonwealth at the time of entering such service. The amount reimbursed such post or posts shall not exceed fifty dellars for a single funeral or burial and, in the event that said post shall have received contributions from any other source to meet such expenses, the amount reimbursed by the city or town shall be reduced by the amount of such contribution for any funeral or burial. When two or more posts conduct a funeral or burial jointly, each such post may be reimbursed such proportionate part of the amount authorized as may be approved in writing by the commissioner of veterans' services. Application for reimbursement hereunder shall be made to the person authorized to disburse state or military aid or veterans benefits in the city or town in which the person buried was domiciled in this commonwealth at the time of entering the military or naval service of the United States. SECTION 2. The commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town for payments made under authority of this act upon application made by the person authorized to disburse state and military aid or veterans! benefits in such city or town, on forms prepared by the commissioner of veterans' services; provided, that such application shall be made during the year in which the funeral or burial is held; and provided, further, that reimbursement by the commonwealth shall not exceed the amount approved by said commissioner. The commonwealth shall reimburse such city or town therefor when reimbursing it for payments of state and military aid or veterans' benefits.

Approved June 14, 1946

Chapter 577

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF LAW AS TO THE EDUCATIONAL OR EXPERIENCE QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS FOR AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN A TRADE OR OCCUPATION.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately exempt veterans of World War II from certain requirements of law as to the educational or experience qualifications of applicants for authority to engage in a trade or occupation, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: So much of the provisions of any law relative to the granting of licenses or permits to persons for authority to engage in any trade or occupation as became effective on or after September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty and originally imposed upon applicants therefor educational or experience qualifications, or made educational or experience qualifications already imposed thereon more strict, shall not apply to applicants for such licenses or permits who shall have served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II and make application therefor within four years after their discharge or release, other than a dishonorable one, from such service, or within four years after the effective date of this act, whichever is the later. Such applicants shall be subject only to such educational and experience qualifications as were required by the provisions of law in force immediately prior to said September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty.

Approved June 14, 1946

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT GRANTING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION TO DISABLED VET-ERANS OF WORLD WAR I AND WORLD WAR II.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: Section five of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause Twenty-second, as amended, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-Twenty-second, Property of the following classes of persons who are legal residents of the commonwealth to the amount of two thousand dollars in the case of each person; provided, that only two thousand dollars of the combined estate of any veteran and his wife shall be exempted; and provided, further, that the whole estate, real and personal, of the person so exempted or the combined property of a veteran and his wife does not exceed eight thousand dollars, exclusive of the value of the mortgage interest held by persons other than the person to be exempted in such mortgaged real estate as may be included in said whole estate or combined property; but, if, said whole estate or combined property being less than two thousand dollars, the sum total thereof and of such mortgage interest exceeds two thousand dollars, the amount so exempted shall be two thousand dollars: (a) Soldiers and sailors, who served in the military or naval service of the United States in the war of the rebellion, in the Spanish war, in the Philippine insurrection or in World War I or World War II, and were honorably discharged or honorably released therefrom, and, by reason of injury received or disease contracted while in such service and in the line of duty, lost the sight of both eyes, or of one eye, the sight of the other having been previously lost, or who lost one or both feet, or one or both hands. (b) Soldiers and sailors who served and were honorably discharged or honorably released as aforesaid, and who, as the result of disabilities contracted while in such service and in the line of duty, have a disability rating of twenty per cent as determined by the Veterans' Administration. (c) Wives or widows of soldiers or sailors who would be entitled to exemption under paragraph (a) or (b). If the property of a person entitled to such exemption is taxable in more than one town, or partly without the commonwealth, only such proportion of the two thousand dollars exemption shall be made in any town as the value of the property taxable in such town bears to the whole of the taxable property of such person. The certificate of the granting of a pension by the United States to a soldier or sailer for an injury or disability shall, while the pension continues, be sufficient evidence of the receiving of the injury or disability; but the assessors may receive other evidence thereof. A person aggrieved by the judgment of the assessors may appeal to the appellate tax board within the time and in the manner allowed by section sixty-four or sixty-five, as the case may be.

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Chapter 581

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT FURTHER PROVIDING SUITABLE RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF MASSACHUSETTS WHO SHALL HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II.

Be 1t enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: SECTION 1. Chapter seven hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five is hereby amended by striking out section one, as amended by section one of chapter two hundred and ten of the acts of the current year, and inserting in place thereof the following section: Section 1. Upon application, as hereinafter provided, there shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, without appropriation and without a warrant from the governor and council, to each person who shall have served in the armed forces of the United States, in active service, on or after September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty and prior to the termination of the present war, as declared by presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the congress, and shall have received a discharge or release, other than a dishonorable one, from such service, the sum of one hundred dollars and, in addition thereto, the sums hereinafter specified; provided, that the domicile of every person on account of whose service the application is filed shall have been in the commonwealth for a period of not less than six months immediately prior to the time of his entry into service. Payments under this act which are in addition to the said sum of one hundred dollars shall be to persons and in sums as follows:- (1) One hundred dollars to each person who performed active service for more than six months but served no part thereof in Alaska or in any place outside the continental limits of the United States; (2) Two hundred dollars to each person who perform active service outside the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska. Said chapter seven hundred and thirty-one is hereby SECTION 2. further amended by striking out section two, as amended by section two of said chapter two hundred and ten, and inserting in place thereof the following: Section 2. The words "armed forces", as used in this act, shall mean the following: United States Army, Army of the United States, United States Navy, United States Naval Reserve, United States Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps Reserve, United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard Reserve, Women's Army Corps, Women's Auxiliary - Navy, Women's Auxiliary - United States Marine Corps, Women's Auxiliary -United States Coast Guard, Army Nurse Corps, Navy Nurse Corps, and Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service and officers of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey assigned to active duty with any of the foregoing. SECTION 3. Said chapter seven hundred and thirty-one is hereby further amended by inserting after section three the following section: - Section 3A. In the case of any person who is mentally incompetent and is entitled to the benefits of this act and for whom no legal guardian has been appointed by the court, the sum named therein shall be paid to his dependents, and in determining the order of precedence so far as practicable the following order shall be observed: wife and children, mother or father, brother or sister, other dependents. SECTION 4. Section five of said chapter seven hundred and

thirty-one is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence: Nothing in this section shall prevent any veteran from being eligible for the benefits of this act if he was honorably discharged. SECTION 5. Said chapter seven hundred and thirtyone is hereby further amended by inserting after section eight the following section: Section 8A. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the state treasurer in the matter of payments provided for by this act may appeal to a board, to consist of a member of the department of the state treasurer to be designated by the state treasurer, an assistant attorney general to be designated by the attorney general, and the adj. gen. or his representative, and shall be entitled to a hearing, after due notice, upon such appeal. The decision of said board shall be final. Section 5A. Said chapter seven hundred and thirty-one is hereby further amended by inserting after section ten the following section:-Section 10A. There is hereby imposed upon all domestic manufacturing corporations, foreign manufacturing corporations, domestic business corporations and foreign corporations, as defined in chapter sixty-three of the General Laws, as amended, in addition to the taxes levied under the provisions of sections thirty to fifty-one, inclusive, of said chapter sixty-three and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, and in addition to the taxes imposed upon such corporations under section nine of chapter seven hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one and under chapter five hundred and fifty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, a further additional excise tax equal to one and one half per cent of the net income of each such corporation determined to be taxable in accordance with the provisions of said chapter sixtythree; provided, that the tax imposed by this section shall not apply to corporations taxable under section thirty-eight B of said chapter sixty-three. All provisions of law relative to the assessment, payment, collection and abatement of the taxes imposed under said chapter sixty-three upon corporations taxable hereunder shall apply to the additional taxes herein imposed. This section shall apply only to taxes levied in or on account of the calendar years nineteen hundred and forty-seven, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, nineteen hundred and forty-nine and nineteen hundred and fifty. The surtaxes imposed upon corporations of the classes named in this section by section nine of chapter seven hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one and by chapter five hundred and fiftyseven of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five shall apply to the taxes imposed by this section. SECTION 6. The additional payments under section one of said chapter seven hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five provided for by this act shall be made from the proceeds of the taxes assessed under said chapter seven hundred and thirty-one, and any act in amendment thereof, and from the proceeds of such other taxes or from such other sources as the general court may from time to time determine. SECTION 7. Said chapter seven hundred and thirty-one is hereby amended by striking out section twelve, as amended by section one of chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the acts of the current year, and inserting in place thereof the following: Section 12. The state treasurer may borrow from time to time on the credit of the commonwealth, in anticipation of receipts from the taxes imposed by this act, or any amendment thereof, such sums of money as may be necessary for

the payment of the expenditures authorized thereby, and may issue and renew from time to time notes of the commonwealth therefor, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates as shall be fixed by the state treasurer. Such notes shall be issued and may be renewed one or more times for such terms, not exceeding one year, as the governor may recommend to the general court in accordance with section 3 of Article IXII of the amendments to the constitution of the commonwealth, but the final maturities of such notes, whether original or renewal, shall be not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-nine. Notwithstanding any provision of this act, such notes shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

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.. THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VETERANS TO CIVIL SER-VICE EMPLOYMENTS UNDER THE APPRENTICE TRAINING PROVISIONS OF THE G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS, SO CALLED.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to enable veterans immediately to avail themselves of the benefits of the G.I. Bill of Rights, so called, relating to apprentice training, or "on the job" training, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency act, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: SECTION 1. The director of civil service may, upon request of an appointing authority, approve the employment, for a period not to exceed three years, of any veteran trainee authorized under the federal program designed to give apprentice training, or "on the job" training, to veterans in employments within the classified civil service. No such employment shall be approved unless the applicant is a veteran, as defined by section twenty-one of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws, nor unless the program under which the appointment is to be made and the period of training thereunder has been approved by the commissioner of education in the case of "on the job" training, or in the case of apprentice training has been approved by the commissioner of labor and industries, nor if any person is available on any eligible list for appointment to a position to which a veteran desires to be appointed hereunder, but any such appointment once approved shall not be terminated by reason of the later establishment of an eligible list of available persons. No employment shall be approved if the salary therefor exceeds three thousand dollars per annum, nor for more than two such veteran trainees under one appointing authority if thereby the total number of such trainees will exceed twenty per cent of the number of regular employees in like classes. No person employed hereunder shall enter the permanent civil service during or upon completion of such training except in the manner provided by the civil service law and rules. Such trainees may be removed by the appointing officer within the period of training for cause or for inaptitude or unsatisfactory performance of assignments. This section shall not be deemed to restrict the rights of a veteran to the benefits under any federal program designed to give training, provided he holds office or employment within the classified civil service and no change in his title or status results thereby. SECTION 2. This act shall remain in effect only until July first, nineteen hundred and fortyseven, but employments approved prior thereto may continue for the period approved hereunder.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

AN ACT MAKING MANDATORY THE EXTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS' SERVICES, UNDER DIRECTORS OF VETERANS' SERVICES, AND RELATIVE TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUCH DEPARTMENTS AND DIRECTORS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would in part defeat its purpose, which is to make immediately available to returning Massachusetts veterans of World War II and to other veterans, advice and counsel to enable such veterans to obtain without delay the employment, vocational, educational, hospitalization, pension and other benefits to which they may be entitled, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end under the caption LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS! SERVICES, the five following sections:-Section 10. The mayors of cities and the selectmen of towns, other than cities and towns which become a part of a district as authorized by the second paragraph of this section, shall cause to be established and maintained in their respective cities and towns a department for the purpose of furnishing such information, advice and assistance to veterans as may be necessary to enable them to procure the benefits to which they are or may be entitled relative to employment, vocational or other educational opportunities, hospitalization, medical care, pensions and other veterans' benefits. Each department so established and maintained shall be known as the department of veterans' services, and the officer in charge thereof shall be known as the director of veterans' services. Such director and any assistant or deputy director appointed under this section or section eleven shall be a veteran and shall be appointed in a city by the mayor, with the approval of the city council, and in a town by the selectmen. Two or more adjoining towns each having a population of less than five thousand, or, with the written consent of the commissioner in each instance, two or more adjoining towns of which only one has a population of five thousand or over, or two or more adjoining municipalities only one of which is a city and only one of which has a population of five thousand or over, may, in a city by vote of the city council thereof, and in a town by vote of the selectmen thereof, form a district for the purposes set forth in the first paragraph of this section, including the appointment and compensation of a director of veterans! services, for the enforcement therein of such purposes and of such other provisions of law as it may be his duty to enforce. Any constituent city or town by vote may withdraw from the district at the end of any fiscal year of such city or town if such withdrawal is voted in the manner aforesaid not less than thirty days prior to the end of such fiscal year and notice of such vote is filed with the other municipalities comprising the district. director of veterans' services of each district established under authority of the preceding paragraph shall, under the direction of the district board referred to in section eleven, perform the duties of his office in each of the municipalities comprising his

district. The treasurer of one of the municipalities comprising such district, designated by the district board thereof, shall be treasurer of the district and shall give to the district a bond, with a surety company authorized to transact business in the commonwealth as surety, for the faithful performance of his duties as treasurer of the district in such sum and upon such conditions as said district board may require. The district treasurer shall disburse the money received under the provisions of section eleven upon warrants approved by the district board. Section 11. In every district established under authority of section ten there shall be a board composed of the mayor of such city, if any, as may be included in the district and the chairman of the board of selectmen of each of the towns, included in said district, which board shall appoint, fix the compensation of, and may remove the director of veterans' services of said district; may appoint, fix the salary of, and remove, a deputy or assistant to such director, if in the opinion of said board such an officer is necessary; may determine the expenses of said director and deputy or assistant and of the department under his charge and apportion the same among the several municipalities comprising such district on the basis of the taxable valuation of said municipalities as last established by the general court as a basis of apportionment for state and county taxes; and shall promptly thereafter notify the treasurers of said municipalities of such apportionment. city or town treasurer so notified shall, annually in December, certify the amount of such apportionment to the board of assessors of his municipality, who shall include such amount in the tax levy of the following year. Upon order of the district board the city or town treasurer of each of the constituent members of the district shall from time to time pay to the district treasurer a sum or sums not exceeding, in the aggregate, the amount certified by the board as its respective share of the costs and expenses of the In case a city or town becomes a member of a district district. at a time when it is too late to permit an assessment as provided by sections ten to fourteen, inclusive, such city or town may appropriate and pay to the district treasurer an amount representing its proportionate share of the expense of the district for the period ending December thirty-first in the year in which such city or town becomes a member of the district. Section 12. In each city, and in each town not included in a district established under section ten, and in each such district, there shall be in the department of veterans' services an unpaid advisory board to be appointed, in cities by the mayor, in towns by the board of selectmen, and in districts by the district board. Said advisory board shall render such assistance to the director of veterans' services of the municipality or district relative to the provisions of this chapter, except as to sections one to nine, inclusive, as said director may request. The commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to formulate and publish rules and regulations establishing in a general manner the types of persons, with respect to their occupations, professions and special skills, who may be appointed to such unpaid advisory boards. Every such advisory board shall consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen residents of the city, town or district, as the case may be. Section 13. Said departments shall acquire and have on hand copies of current booklets and other printed matter pertaining to the statutory rights of veterans provided under state and federal laws. They may call

at any time upon any department, board, division or commission of the commonwealth for such assistance as may be necessary in carrying out their functions. They shall also work in close co-ordination with existing federal agencies established for the aid of such veterans, and they shall enlist support of hospitals within their respective communities or districts for carrying out the purposes of sections ten to fourteen, inclusive. Section 14. Departments established and maintained under sections ten to fourteen, inclusive, shall be under the general direction of the commissioner, and they shall be physically located independently of, and separate and apart from, any other public or private agency, board, bureau, social agency or society, except a department or agency disbursing aid or relief or veterans' benefits under this chapter. SECTION 2 SECTION 2. Any provision of section ten or section eleven of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws, inserted by section one of this act, to the contrary notwithstanding, the person in a city authorized by the city charter or by ordinance or vote of the city council, and in a town authorized by vote of the selectmen, to disbursé aid or relief or veterans benefits under said chapter shall, upon the effective date of this act, become the director of veterans' services for such city or town and shall serve as such until other provision is made under authority of said section ten; provided, that, if such person on said effective date is not a veteran, as such term is defined by section one of said chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws, and has unlimited tenure of office or is serving for a definite term, he may be retained in office as such director until he is removed for cause, or until the expiration of such term, as the case may be; except that if a person was appointed as director of veterans' services in any city, town or district, under the provisions of chapter seven hundred and twenty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, as amended, such person shall be deemed to have been appointed under the provisions of sections ten to fourteen, inclusive, of said chapter one hundred and fifteen and any appropriations made under the provisions of said chapter shall be available and may be expended for the purposes of said sections ten to fourteen, inclusive. Such person shall have all of the powers and and duties and shall be subject to all of the provisions of said sections ten to fourteen, inclusive. SECTION 3. Chapter seven hundred and twenty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and fortyfive, as amended, is hereby repealed.

Approved June 14, 1946

List of laws passed at this session of the Legislature - 1946 - which affect veterans and persons in the armed forces and their dependents -

Compiled by Arthur W. Coolidge, President of the Senate and Frederick B. Willis, Speaker of the House of Representatives

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- 55 Limiting the time during which certain legislation providing for temporary re-employment of former officers and employees of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions during World War II shall remain in force, and penalizing violations of the provisions of such legislation.
- 61 Relative to placing under civil service of certain municipal offices the incumbents of which served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the present national emergency.
- 62 Relative to the seniority and compensation rights of public officers and employees who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the present national emergency.
- 71 Providing that cities and towns may appropriate money to furnish medals, scrolls or certificates to persons who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II or to their next of kin.
- 74 Making an appropriation for furnishing certain facilities for housing units for war veterans enrolled at the Massachusetts State College.
- 126 Relative to making by banking and insurance companies of loans to veterans of World War II guaranteed or insured by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.
- 134 Relative to the issue of notes in anticipation of receipts from taxes under the Veterans' Bonus Act, so-called.
- 140 Establishing the dates for holding the biennial state primary in the year 1946, for the filing of certificates of nomination and nomination papers for the purposes of said primary and ensuing biennial state election and for the filing of petitions or papers requiring public policy and other questions to be placed on the

official ballot for said election and otherwise facilitating voting by absent voting ballots at said election by Massachusetts residents in the armed forces of the United States and those in certain other services engaged in furthering the war effort, and making certain other changes in the laws relating to elections.

- 141 Relative to making and furnishing by assessors of certain statements and information to the State Treasurer under veterans' bonus act, so-called.
- 145 Authorizing the provisional appointment of women veterans under the civil service laws.
- Relative to the right of election to benefits under the provisions of the Employment Security Law based on wages paid subsequent to termination of military service in lieu of payments under the Federal Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.
- 169 Penalizing the use for trade purposes of the words "Army", "Navy" and other words denoting branches of the United States government.
- 178 Relative to the issuance to persons in the military or naval service of the United States of special certificates entitling them to hunt and fish in this Commonwealth.
- Authorizing the town of Dudley to contribute toward the expense of the celebration by the town of Webster of the return of men and women who served in or were affiliated or associated with the armed forces of the United States in World War II.
- 209 Providing for the application of certain laws affecting veterans and their organizations to the Marine Corps League.
- 210 Making certain changes in the Veterans' Bonus Act, so-called.
- 216 Further defining the word "veteran" under the veterans' preference provisions of the civil service law.
- 221 Making certain veterans eligible to apply for examination for, appointment to, positions in police and fire departments, not-withstanding certain age requirements.
- 238 Dispensing with the requirement of physicians' certificates of physical condition in certain cases where veterans are restored to public office and employment under the civil service.
- 253 Authorizing street railway companies to make special rates for transportation of certain veterans.
- 260 Making veterans of World War II eligible in certain cases for enlistment or appointment as state police officers, notwithstanding any age requirements.
- 269 Regulating the separation from the service of the Commonwealth of certain war veterans holding unclassified offices or positions.

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- 271 To provide further for meeting certain contingencies arising in connection with the service of public officers and employees in the military or naval forces of the United States.
- 272 Relative to the registration of certain veterans of World War II as pharmacists.
- 306 Extending the time during which school teachers and superintendents and assistant superintendents and janitors of schools, and certain other persons serving the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof in offices filled by popular election to which they have been appointed to fill vacancies by reason of employment or re-employment during World War II may continue to serve.
- 311 To provide for the maintenance in the State House of the headquarters of the Department of Massachusetts, United Spanish War Veterans, and for the preservation of its history and records.
- 345 Extending certain privileges under the Civil Service Law to recipients of a distinguished service cross or navy cross.
- 349 To provide for the use of the buildings on the State Arsenal property in Framingham for the housing of veterans.
- 369 Providing for an ambulance for use at the Soldiers! Home in Massa-chusetts.
- 372 To provide housing for veterans of World War II.
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 AMVETS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Marine
 Corps League.
- 430 Relative to payments, in lieu of vacations, in the case of certain employees of the Commonwealth who have been granted leaves of absence to enter the armed forces of the United States during the present war.
- 439 Extending to residents of the Commonwealth who are members of the armed forces or veterans of World War II the advantages of University Extension courses free of charge.
- 459 Providing for the issuance by the Commonwealth to certain persons, who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II, of citations or certificates as to such service.
- 464 Providing for the disposition of certain state-owned uniforms formerly used by the Massachusetts State Guard.
- 469 Providing for the issuance by the Commonwealth to certain heirsat-law of persons, who died while serving in the armed forces of the United States during World War II or as a result of such service, of citations or certificates as to such service and death.

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- 475 Providing for the construction and maintenance by the Commonwealth of a soldiers' home in the city of Holyoke for hospital and domiciliary care of war veterans.
- 480 Granting a credit to the examination standing of certain veterans applying for electricians' licenses.
- 502 Granting a credit to the examination standing of certain veterans applying for plumbers' licenses.
- 526 Authorizing the appropriation of money by towns for aiding veterans and their dependents.
- Providing temporarily for a course of school instruction beyond the regular high school course of instruction for the benefit of veterans and others.
- 533 Temporarily providing for an educational program in the state teachers colleges and the Massachusetts School of Art for citizens of the Commonwealth who are members of the armed forces in World War II or veterans of said war.
- 547 Providing for the placing of veterans' children in foster homes.
- 548 Relative to providing higher educational opportunities for the children of Massachusetts men and women who died in the armed forces of the United States during time of war, or as a result of such service.
- Providing for co-operation by the Commonwealth with the veterans' administration in the administration of federal laws and regulations relating to the rehabilitation of disabled veterans of World War II.
- To authorize cities and towns to enter into contracts to provide temporary housing for veterans of World War II.
- Granting the consent of the Commonwealth to the acquisition by the United States of America of certain land in the city of Lawrence for use as a naval reserve training station and ceding jurisdiction over such land.
- 573 Providing financial assistance for certain veterans' organizations in defraying expenses incurred by them in conducting military funerals or burials of persons who died in overseas service during World War II.
- 574 To relate the Housing Authority Law to federal legislation, to give preference to families of servicemen and veterans in housing authority projects, to authorize housing authorities to engage in land assembly and redevelopment projects and to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for farmers and others of low income and to amend the housing authority law in other particulars.
- 577 Exempting veterans of World War II from certain requirements of law as to the educational or experience qualifications of applicants for authority to engage in a trade or occupation.

- 579 Granting certain exemptions from taxation to disabled veterans of World War I and World War II.
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- 584 To amend the laws relative to state and military aid, soldiers' relief, etc. and in certain other respects.
- 586 Relative to the appointment of veterans to civil service employments under the apprentice training provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights, so-called.
- 587 Authorizing the town of Wilmington to use park land for veterans' housing purposes and to lay out and sell building lots for a nominal consideration to certain veterans.
- 592 To facilitate and encourage the providing of homes during the present emergency.
- 596 Augmenting the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts State College for the establishment and operation of an educational instituion of college grade for veterans of World War II.
- 599 Making mandatory the establishment of municipal and district departments of veterans' services, under Directors of Veterans' Services, and relative to the powers and duties of such departments and directors.
- 604 Relieving persons who served in the existing war as enlisted personnel from the payment of income taxes upon their pay for such service, and providing that any person serving as a commissioned officer in said war shall have three years to pay any income tax accruing during the period of such service.
- 608 Providing for a veterans services fund.

RESOLVES

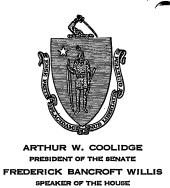
- 5 Providing for an immediate investigation re housing conditions in the Commonwealth.
- 14 Providing for an investigation by the Judicial Council relative to providing that veterans paroled or discharged from veterans administration facilities within the commonwealth under the supervision of the Department of Mental Health shall be released in accordance with certain provisions of law, and relative to regulating the inspection of records of hospitals under the control of said department.
- 24 Providing for a proper representation of the Commonwealth at the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to be held in the city of Boston.

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- 36 Providing for a service button for certain former members of the state guard who served during World War II.
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- 62 Providing for the compiling, printing, and distribution of the laws of the commonwealth relating to veterans and their organizations and a synopsis and manual thereof.
- 64 Reviving and continuing the Special Commission established to make a survey and study of the Post-War Problems of the commonwealth relative to economic housing facilities and other conditions.
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An Order

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MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

August 29, 1946

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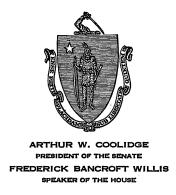
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- 55 Limiting the time during which certain legislation providing for temporary re-employment of former officers and employees of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions during World War II shall remain in force, and penalizing violations of the provisions of such legislation.
- 61 Relative to placing under civil service of certain municipal offices the incumbents of which served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the present national emergency.
- Relative to the seniority and compensation rights of public officers and employees who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the present national emergency.
- 71 Providing that cities and towns may appropriate money to furnish medals, scrolls or certificates to persons who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II or to their next of kin.
- 74 Making an appropriation for furnishing certain facilities for housing units for war veterans enrolled at the Massachusetts State College.
- 126 Relative to making by banking and insurance companies of loans to veterans of World War II guaranteed or insured by the Administrator of Veterans! Affairs.
- 134 Relative to the issue of notes in anticipation of receipts from taxes under the Veterans Bonus Act, so-called.
- 140 Establishing the dates for holding the biennial state primary in the year 1946, for the filing of certificates of nomination and nomination papers for the purposes of said primary and ensuing biennial state election and for the filing of petitions or papers requiring public policy and other questions to be placed on the

official ballot for said election and otherwise facilitating voting by absent voting ballots at said election by Massachusetts residents in the armed forces of the United States and those in certain other services engaged in furthering the war effort, and making certain other changes in the laws relating to elections.

- 141 Relative to making and furnishing by assessors of certain statements and information to the State Treasurer under veterans' bonus act, so-called.
- 145 Authorizing the provisional appointment of women veterans under the civil service laws.
- 168 Relative to the right of election to benefits under the provisions of the Employment Security Law based on wages paid subsequent to termination of military service in lieu of payments under the Federal Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.
- 169 Penalizing the use for trade purposes of the words "Army", "Navy" and other words denoting branches of the United States government.
- 178 Relative to the issuance to persons in the military or naval service of the United States of special certificates entitling them to hunt and fish in this Commonwealth.
- Authorizing the town of Dudley to contribute toward the expense of the celebration by the town of Webster of the return of men and women who served in or were affiliated or associated with the armed forces of the United States in World War II.
- 209 Providing for the application of certain laws affecting veterans and their organizations to the Marine Corps League.
- 210 Making certain changes in the Veterans Bonus Act, so-called.
- 216 Further defining the word "veteran" under the veterans' preference provisions of the civil service law.
- 221 Making certain veterans eligible to apply for examination for, appointment to, positions in police and fire departments, not-withstanding certain age requirements.
- 238 Dispensing with the requirement of physicians certificates of physical condition in certain cases where veterans are restored to public office and employment under the civil service.
- 253 Authorizing street railway companies to make special rates for transportation of certain veterans.
- 260 Making veterans of World War II eligible in certain cases for enlistment or appointment as state police officers, notwithstanding any age requirements.
- 269 Regulating the separation from the service of the Commonwealth of certain war veterans holding unclassified offices or positions.

- 271 To provide further for meeting certain contingencies arising in connection with the service of public officers and employees in the military or naval forces of the United States.
- 272 Relative to the registration of certain veterans of World War II as pharmacists.
- 306 Extending the time during which school teachers and superintendents and assistant superintendents and janitors of schools, and certain other persons serving the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof in offices filled by popular election to which they have been appointed to fill vacancies by reason of employment or re-employment during World War II may continue to serve.
- 311 To provide for the maintenance in the State House of the headquarters of the Department of Massachusetts, United Spanish War Veterans, and for the preservation of its history and records.
- 345 Extending certain privileges under the Civil Service Law to recipients of a distinguished service cross or navy cross.
- 349 To provide for the use of the buildings on the State Arsenal property in Framingham for the housing of veterans.
- 369 Providing for an ambulance for use at the Soldiers' Home in Massa-chusetts.
- 372 To provide housing for veterans of World War II.
- 409 Providing for the application of certain laws affecting veterans and their organizations to the American Veterans of World War II, AMVETS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Marine Corps League.
- 430 Relative to payments, in lieu of vacations, in the case of certain employees of the Commonwealth who have been granted leaves of absence to enter the armed forces of the United States during the present war.
- 439 Extending to residents of the Commonwealth who are members of the armed forces or veterans of World War II the advantages of University Extension courses free of charge.
- 459 Providing for the issuance by the Commonwealth to certain persons, who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II, of citations or certificates as to such service.
- 464 Providing for the disposition of certain state-owned uniforms formerly used by the Massachusetts State Guard.
- 469 Providing for the issuance by the Commonwealth to certain heirsat-law of persons, who died while serving in the armed forces of the United States during World War II or as a result of such service, of citations or certificates as to such service and death.

- 475 Providing for the construction and maintenance by the Commonwealth of a soldiers' home in the city of Holyoke for hospital and domiciliary care of war veterans.
- 480 Granting a credit to the examination standing of certain veterans applying for electricians' licenses.
- 502 Granting a credit to the examination standing of certain veterans applying for plumbers' licenses.
- 526 Authorizing the appropriation of money by towns for aiding veterans and their dependents.
- 532 Providing temporarily for a course of school instruction beyond the regular high school course of instruction for the benefit of veterans and others.
- 533 Temporarily providing for an educational program in the state teachers colleges and the Massachusetts School of Art for citizens of the Commonwealth who are members of the armed forces in World War II or veterans of said war.
- 547 Providing for the placing of veterans' children in foster homes.
- Relative to providing higher educational opportunities for the children of Massachusetts men and women who died in the armed forces of the United States during time of war, or as a result of such service.
- Providing for co-operation by the Commonwealth with the veterans' administration in the administration of federal laws and regulations relating to the rehabilitation of disabled veterans of World War II.
- To authorize cities and towns to enter into contracts to provide temporary housing for veterans of World War II.
- 569 Granting the consent of the Commonwealth to the acquisition by the United States of America of certain land in the city of Lawrence for use as a naval reserve training station and ceding jurisdiction over such land.
- 573 Providing financial assistance for certain veterans' organizations in defraying expenses incurred by them in conducting military funerals or burials of persons who died in overseas service during World War II.
- 574 To relate the Housing Authority Law to federal legislation, to give preference to families of servicemen and veterans in housing authority projects, to authorize housing authorities to engage in land assembly and redevelopment projects and to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for farmers and others of low income and to amend the housing authority law in other particulars.
- 577 Exempting veterans of World War II from certain requirements of law as to the educational or experience qualifications of applicants for authority to engage in a trade or occupation.

- 579 Granting certain exemptions from taxation to disabled veterans of World War I and World War II.
- 581 Further providing suitable recognition of certain residents of Massachusetts who shall have served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II.
- 584 To amend the laws relative to state and military aid, soldiers' relief, etc. and in certain other respects.
- Relative to the appointment of veterans to civil service employments under the apprentice training provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights, so-called.
- 587 Authorizing the town of Wilmington to use park land for veterans' housing purposes and to lay out and sell building lots for a nominal consideration to certain veterans.
- 592 To facilitate and encourage the providing of homes during the present emergency.
- 596 Augmenting the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts State College for the establishment and operation of an educational institution of college grade for veterans of World War II.
- 599 Making mandatory the establishment of municipal and district departments of veterans services, under Directors of Veterans Services, and relative to the powers and duties of such departments and directors.
- 604 Relieving persons who served in the existing war as enlisted personnel from the payment of income taxes upon their pay for such service, and providing that any person serving as a commissioned officer in said war shall have three years to pay any income tax accruing during the period of such service.
- 608 Providing for a veterans services fund.

RESOLVES

- 5 Providing for an immediate investigation re housing conditions in the Commonwealth.
- 14 Providing for an investigation by the Judicial Council relative to providing that veterans paroled or discharged from veterans administration facilities within the commonwealth under the supervision of the Department of Mental Health shall be released in accordance with certain provisions of law, and relative to regulating the inspection of records of hospitals under the control of said department.
- 24 Providing for a proper representation of the Commonwealth at the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to be held in the city of Boston.

- Providing for a proper representation of the Commonwealth at the National Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association to be held in Worcester in the current year.
- Providing for a service button for certain former members of the state guard who served during World War II.
- Providing for a study by the State Planning Board of Zoning laws in certain towns with a view to determining the areas available for moderately priced homes and rental housing units.
- 72 Providing for the placing in the State House of a memorial to Massachusetts men who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for War Service in World War II.
- Providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the erection within the commonwealth of a statue or other suitable memorial to commemorate the late General George S. Patton, Jr.
- 62 Providing for the compiling, printing, and distribution of the laws of the commonwealth relating to veterans and their organizations and a synopsis and manual thereof.
- 64 Reviving and continuing the Special Commission established to make a survey and study of the Post-War Problems of the commonwealth relative to economic housing facilities and other conditions.
- Increasing the scope of the investigation to be made by the Special Commission established to investigate certain matters relating to public education.
- Increasing the scope of the survey and study to be made by the special commission established to make a survey and study of post-war problems of the Commonwealth relative to economic and other conditions.
- 84 Increasing the scope of the investigation to be made by the special commission established to make an investigation relative to housing conditions in the Commonwealth.

An Order

An Order adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives on May 13th and May 14th respectively, authorizing an investigation by the Committee on State Administration of facilities for State

Activities - "....... the construction of a veterans' memorial building; and providing quarters in the State House for certain organizations of veterans;....."



OFFICE OF THE

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

	September 10, 194 6
Soldiers R	elief Department
To the Board of Public Welfare of theTown of	Southboro, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:	
Esther W. Stevens, Winchester	Street, Southboro
whose legal settlement is in your	but now residing in this Town
being in needy circumstances, ha s applied to this b	oard for relief, which we have granted and
charged to your, and shall contin	
provide forhersupport.	
You are requested to remove said person from this	Town.
For and in behalf of the Board of Public Welfare of	of the Town of Framingham.
	Agent.

Facts upon which the claim of settlement is based are as follows:

Patient admitted to Framingham Union Hospital - 9/6/46 Diagnosis: Breast tumor Patient informs that the Soldiers' Relief of Southboro will be responsible for this hospitalization.

(Please advise us if you are responsible for this case.)



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FRAMINGHAM UNION HOSPITAL FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Soldier's Relief September 6th 1946

To the Members of the Board of RublicxWelfare,

Town of Framingham x Framingham x Mass.

Southboro, Southboro

Sirs:

This is to notify you that the Framingham Union Hospital is incurring necessary expense for the relief of Mrs Esther W Stevens, Winchester Street, Southboro, Mass

a person in need of public assistance in the Town of Framingham, and requests that it be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with the said person. This notice is given as required by the Acts of 1935, Chapter 164.

Receipt of notice acknowledged.

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

Date_____Adi

FRAMINGHAM UNION HOSPITAL

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INFORMATION FOR WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Name

Esther W stevens

Age 39

Date of Admission

September 6th, 1946

Time_____A.M. 2:45 P.M.

Referred by

Dr Gaston

Diagnosis

Breast Tumor (right)

Prognosis

Good

Probable stay in Hospital

Seven Days

Remarks

It is our understanding that Mrs Steven's is to be Dr Gaston's private patient. Mrs Stevens is being cared for in a semi-private room at the rate of \$7.50 per day plus operating room charge, laboratory, medications etc.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, a bill will be forwarded when the patient is discharged.



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Commissioner of Veterans Services

State House, Boston 33

September 26, 1946.

To all Soldiers' Relief Commissioners:

It is necessary for this Office to survey the requirements of the different Soldiers' Relief Departments to make plans for procedure under Chapter 584 of the Acts of 1946.

You will greatly assist us in our preliminary work if you will convey to us the following information -

- A The number of cases on Soldiers' Relief in your office each month since January 1, 1946.
- B A copy of the budget you are using if it is other than the suggested budget from this office.
- C A copy of all forms or form letters that you are using in connection with the applications for Soldiers' Relief to include
 - l. Original application
 - 2. Re-application
 - 3. Request for information from banks
 - 4. Request to last employer for information
- D The number of persons in your department who are investigating Soldiers' Relief cases.
- E The expected number of forms you are going to need for the month of January 1947.

I would appreciate your forwarding this information as it is available and not wait to give us the information complete in one letter. For instance, we would like you to forward the forms and form letters immediately, and the other data as it is compiled.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours.

Francis X. Cotter, Commissioner.

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September 19, 1946

Commissioner of Veterans Services State House Boston 33, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

To help us determine the proper disposition of veterans' cases, we would appreciate it if you would outline the qualifications a case must have to be considered for "State Aid."

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Commissioner of Veterans Services

State House, Boston 33

September 23, 1946

Mr. Hamilton Armstrong Clerk of Selectmen Southborough, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of September 19th in which you request information as to the qualifications for consideration for State Aid.

We are enclosing a copy of Laws relating to Veterans and Their Organizations, and you will find the law relative to State Aid on pages 31 to 34 of this booklet.

Francis X. Cotter.

Commissioner.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Commissioner of Veterans Services

State House, Boston 33

September 25, 1946

Hamilton Armstrong, Clerk Board of Selectmen Southborough Massachusetts

In Re: Virginia Giombetti, wife of Ralph E., WW #2 War Allowance

Dear Sir:

On the above named case, I note that the application for War Allowance was dated January 4, 1946, but that the application and bills were not forwarded to us until July. The total bills amount to \$358.24. Most of them are marked as "Received Payment".

According to the explanation given to our Agent by the applicant, she borrowed \$300.- to pay these bills. It seems rather strange to me that there was such a delay in sending these bills through to us.

The husband of the applicant was discharged from service June 28, 1946. If we were to apply the law according to its real interpretation, we could not have authorized any War Allowance if the veteran were discharged after application was received by us. However, Deputy Commissioner Cunningham allowed you \$50.- for May and \$50.- for June and under the situation I think that is the best we could possibly do.

As to my opinion on whether you should pay the balance of \$258.24, I would say "no". I think if you pay an amount equal to what we have given, that should be sufficient.

My opinion for making this decision is based on the fact that the applicant paid the hospital bill on January 5, 1945 and did not contact you or make application until January 1946. Her bills from the Fallon Clinic were paid after she had applied for War Allowance.

If there is any other angle to this case which has not been brought to my attention, I shall be very glad to receive word from you.

Very truly yours

Francis X. Cotter, Commissioner

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September 18, 1946

Mr. Henry V. O'Day, Deputy Commissioner Office of the Commissioner of Veterans Services State House Boston 33. Messachusetts

Re: Virginia Glombetti

Dear Sir.

Under date of July 16, 1946, you allowed us a total of \$100.00 as your share of the medical expenses in the above case. To are helding the returns until we hear from you further.

After investigation by your Department, do you feel that it would be in order for us to pay the balance of the bills, \$256.24, from our Seldiers' Relief appropriation? We understand that this man has been discharged and is now working.

Your advice and recommendations in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clerk.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Commissioner of Veterans Gervices

State House, Boston 33

July 30, 1946

Mr. James E. Griffin Soldiers' Relief Agent Southborough, Mass.

Dear Sir:

On July 16 we allowed \$50. May for two months making a total of \$100. as our share of medical expense on the case of Virginia Giombetti, wife of Ralph E. World War II War Allowance.

In order that your town may be reimbursed by the Commonwealth for the amount which we allowed, it will be necessary for you to send us your State Aid return for the month of May charging \$50. and also a return for the month of June charging \$50. These returns are to be made out in accordance with the enclosed sample, a separate return for May and June, each charging \$50.

You will note that on the reverse of the returns there is a Jurat which must be signed and sworn to by a Majority of your Board of Selectmen. If it is inconvenient for you to secure a magistrate it will be satisfactory for your selectmen to sign the returns under the clause, "Signed under penalties of perjury."

We are enclosing a few State Aid returns for your use.

Very truly yours,

Francis X. Cotter, Commissioner

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Deputy Compressioner

EMH/ccc Encl.

Returns forwarded Oct. 16/26 Ha Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Veterans Aid and Pensions

To Soldiers' Relief Commissioner Southboro, Mass.

Applicant's name Virginia Giombetti

Relation wife Veteran's Ralph E.

to Veteran name

We are allowing War allowance of \$ 50.00 suspend from May 1946 for two months and report.

Remarks:

Total our share of FRANCIS X. COTTER medical.

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Francis X. Cotter Commissioner of Veterans' Services State House Boston 33, Mass.

Dear Sire

Re: Virginia Glembetti

We are in receipt of the enclosed application for War II allowance to cover the following bills in the above case:

The Pallon Clinic, Worsester	\$ 10.00 175.00
The Lahey Clinic, Boston Rexall Drug Store, Mariboro	90.00 3.39
	1.85
St. Vincent Hospital, Wordester	78.00 \$358.24

Kindly let us know if this claim is in order,

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTION

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Clerk.

Movember 2, 1946.

Mr. Francis X. Cotter Commissoner of Veterans Services State House Boston 33, Mass.

Dear Siri

- A. We have had the following number os Soldiers Relief cases since January 1, 1946. January six, February six, March —five, April four, May four, June four, July four, August four, September four.
 - B. We are using the suggested budget.
 - C. Copies of all forms used are attached.
 - D. We have one person investigating cases.
 - E. Six to twelve.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clerk.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of Commissioner of Verterans Gervices

State House, Boston 33

PUBLIC LAW 226 -- 79th CONGRESS

Officers on terminal leave from the Armed Forces may now be employed by the Federal Government during their terminal leave and draw salary for their employment and the terminal leave pay at the same time. The provisions of this act are retroactive and where an officer may have sacrificed his terminal leave pay to draw his salary as an employee of the government, claim may be made for the amounts uncollected.

PUBLIC LAW 227 -- 79th CONGRESS

"No fee shall be charged or collected for an application for a declaration of intention in lieu of a declaration alleged to have been lost, mutilated, or destroyed or for an application for a certificate of naturalization in lieu of a certificate alleged to have been lost, mutilated, or destroyed, submitted by a person who was a member of the military or naval forces of the United States at any time after April 20, 1898, and before July 5, 1902; or at any time after April 5, 1917, and before November 12, 1918; or who served on the Mexican border as a member of the Regular Army or National Guard between June 1916 and April 1917; or who has served or hereafter serves in the military or naval forces of the United States after September 16, 1940, and who was not at any time during such period or thereafter separated from such forces under other than honorable conditions, who was not a conscientious objector who performed no military duty whatever or refused to wear the uniform, or who was not at any time during such period or thereafter discharged from such military or naval forces on account of alienage."

PUBLIC LAW 228 -- 79th CONGRESS

That the number of cadets authorized by law enacted prior to the enactment of this Act at the United States Military Academy, and the number of midshipmen authorized by law enacted prior to the enactment of this Act at the United States Naval Academy, are each hereby increased by such number as may be appointed by the President from the United States at large from among the sons of

PUBLIC LAW 228 -- 79th CONGRESS (continued)

persons who have been or shall hereafter be awarded a Medal of Honor in the name of Congress for acts performed while in any of the armed forces of the United States: Provided, That all such appointees are otherwise qualified for admission.

PUBLIC LAW 229 -- 79th CONGRESS

"The number of cadets now authorized by law at the United States Military Academy and the number of midshipmen now authorized by law at the United States Naval Academy are each hereby increased by forty from the United States at large, to be appointed by the President from among the sons of members of the land or naval forces (including male and female members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and of all components thereof) of the United States, who were killed in action or have died, or may hereafter die, of wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted, or preexisting injury or disease aggravated, in active service during World War I or World War II (as each is defined by laws providing service-connected compensation or pension benefits for veterans of World War I and World War II and their dependents): Provided, That the determination of the Veterans! Administration as to service connection of the cause of death shall be binding upon the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively: Provided further, That all such appointees are otherwise qualified for admission: And provided further, That appointees under this Act shall be selected in order of merit as established by competitive examination."

PUBLIC LAW 230 -- 79th CONGRESS

That section 4 of the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942 (56 Stat. 361), as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"As used in this section, the terms 'father', 'mother', 'parent', and 'parents' shall include a stepparent, a parent by adoption, and any person, including a former stepparent, who has stood in loco parentis to the person concerned at any time for a continuous period of not less than five years: Provided, That a stepparent-stepchild relationship shall be deemed to be terminated by the stepparent's divorce from the blood parent."

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar month occurring after its enactment. No pay or allowances for any period prior to the effective date of this Act shall accrue by reason of the enactment of this Act. Approved November 24, 1945.

Francis X. Cotter Commissioner



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of Commissioner of Veterans Gervices

State House, Boston 33

Bulletin -- Chap. 115, G. L. Ter. Ed. as amended:

January 25, 1946

Because of the numerous requests for the opinion of this office on the eligibility for the benefits of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, we are taking the opportunity of informing you of this opinion.

Some people are inclined to believe that since the Government does not pay the Readjustment Allowance to veterans while on strike, that it automatically follows this disqualifies them for all other benefits. The reason why veterans are not entitled to Readjustment Allowance is that it specifically states so in Section 800 b, Chapter VIII, Public 346, 78th Congress -

"A claimant shall also be disqualified from receiving an allowance for any week with respect to which it is found that his unemployment is due to a stoppage of work which exists because of a labor dispute at the factory, establishment or other premises at which he is, or was, last employed:".

On the other hand, when we take Chapter 115 of the General Laws, there is nothing in it that specifically refers to striking conditions.

Under Section 3 it requires that State and Military Aid be paid for "any worthy person". We cannot conceive that being out on strike renders a man unworthy when it is considered the right of employees to use this economic weapon in pursuit of their objective. It is not incompatible with the dignity of man to make use of the method of striking to obtain his end.

Further, in Section 6, it says "shall be in such needy circumstances as to require public assistance", and in Section 10, it states in the first class that the recipient "shall be in such need as would entitle him to relief under Chapter 117", and in the second class, "who would otherwise receive relief under Chapter 117".

That specifically requires that where a person would be entitled to Military or State Aid, and he can qualify for the benefits of Chapter 117, he should be assisted under this section if he otherwise meets the requirements of Chapter 115 of the General Laws.

These sections are particularly pertinent because the State Department of Public Welfare has issued instructions to the various Welfare Departments in the cities and towns that their opinion is that a person is not disqualified for the benefits of Chapter 117 if they are in need, even though they are on strike. Since the provisions of Chapter 115 are to provide assistance to veterans without recourse to Chapter 117, it is therefore an indication that a veteran who is on strike should receive the benefits of Chapter 115.

It has been suggested that the wording in Section 14 of "voluntary idleness" would disqualify a man on strike from Military Aid. Voluntary idleness in this section evidences the condition of a person who, by his own devices is unemployed.

A man on strike is not unemployed of his own accord, without action of other individuals. After an employer and the Union cannot come to terms, the determination to strike is made by the mass action of the Union. It is inconceivable to believe that any employee can work during a strike as the action of the Union renders employment impossible. He is deterred from following his employment by influences outside of his control.

We can, of course, discount the disqualification in Section 14 of "vicious or intemperate habits" insofar as they refer to striking conditions, because we must agree that striking is not a vicious or intemperate habit.

In Section 17 we have the requirement that a man "be wholly or partly unable to provide maintenance etc.". This is not referable to the cause of his being unemployed, but is rather the terminology to measure his financial condition.

Disqualification for Soldiers' Relief in Section 17 is that the condition is the result of his own criminal or wilful misconduct. I think we can agree that striking is neither criminal nor wilful misconduct.

All cases of aid are to be taken up on an individual basis, and the application of the law is always to the individual, and while its terms are general, its consideration is in relation to the individual veteran. No veteran should be disqualified because of his being on strike, if he is otherwise eligible.

Francis X. Cotter Commissioner

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January 28, 1946.

Mr. James Giffin, Southborough, Massachusetts

Dear Jim:

I have received a copy of O'Day's letter to Bogart pleading with him to turn over the records to you. I think it wise, therefore, for you to see him just as soon as you can.

Yours sincerely,

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January 28, 1946.

Honorable Henry V. O' Day, Commissioner of Veterans Aid and Pensions, State House, Boston 33, Massachusetts

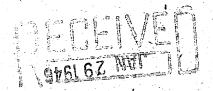
Dear Mr. O'Day:

Thank you very much for having written to Merle Bogart and also for the copy of the letter. After reading it, I am most hopeful that it will produce the desired results.

I am having his successor call on Bogart tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

GHB: R





The Commonwealth, of Massachusetts

Office of Commissioner of Veterans Aid and Pensions

StateHouse,Boston 33

January 23, 1946

Mr. George H. Burnett 437 D Street Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is copy of letter written to Mr. Bogart, pleading with him not only in a spirit of comradeship but, also, officially, according to my present position.

I do not know whether or not this will work, but I am sincerely hopeful it will bring results. If the records are turned over, will you kindly advise me?

Thank you for calling this matter to my

Very truly yours

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attention.

Henry V/O'Day 1st Deputy Commissioner





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of Commissioner of Veterans Gervices

State House, Boston 33

PUBLIC 270 - 79th CONGRESS

Provides that the petition for naturalization of a person who served in the armed forces shall be filed not later than December 31, 1946 in order to receive the special dispensations given to aliens who serve in World War II.

Provides further that the special provisions shall apply only to those persons whose service was prior to December 28, 1945.

Approved December 28, 1945.

PUBLIC 271 - 79th CONGRESS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding any of the several clauses of section 3 of the Act of February 5, 1917, excluding physically and mentally defective aliens, and notwithstanding the documentary requirements of any of the immigration laws or regulations, Executive orders, or Presidential proclamations issued thereunder, alien spouses or alien children of United States citizens serving in, or having an honorable discharge certificate from the armed forces of the United States during the Second World War shall, if otherwise admissible under the immigration laws and if application for admission is made within three years of the effective date of this Act, be admitted to the United States: Provided, That every alien of the foregoing description shall be medically examined at the time of arrival in accordance with the provisions of section 16 of the Act of February 5, 1917, and if found suffering from any disability which would be the basis for a ground of exclusion except for the provision of this Act, the Immigration and Naturalization Service shall forthwith notify the appropriate public medical officer of the local community to which the alien is destined: Provided further, That the provisions of this Act shall not affect the duties of the United States Public Health Service so far as they relate to quarantinable diseases.

SEC. 2. Regardless of section 9 of the Immigration Act of 1924, any alien admitted under section 1 of this Act shall be deemed to be a nonquota immigrant as defined in section 4 (a) of the Immigration Act of 1924.

PUBLIC 271 - 79th CONGRESS (continued)

SEC. 3. Any alien admitted under section 1 of this Act who at any time returns to the United States after a temporary absence abroad shall not be excluded because of the disability or disabilities that existed at the time of that admission.

or disabilities that existed at the time of that admission.

SEC. 4. No fine or penalty shall be imposed under the Act of February 5, 1917, except those arising under section 14, because of the transportation to the United States of any alien admitted under this Act.

SEC. 5. For the purpose of this Act, the Second World War shall be deemed to have commenced on December 7, 1941, and to have ceased upon the termination of hostilities as declared by the President or by a joint resolution of Congress.

Approved December 28, 1945.

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Establishes a Department of Medicine and Surgery in the Veterans Administration.

"The functions of the Department of Medicine and Surgery shall be those necessary for a complete medical and hospital service..."

The law provides for the procurement, classification, salaries and other requirements relative to the persons employed on full time, part time or fee basis.

Approved January 3, 1946.

Francis X. Cotter Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS' SERVICES

July 29, 1946

BUDGET OF MONTHLY PAYMENTS

The changes in the cost of living has necessitated an increase in the budgeting requirements. These figures make allowances for food, shelter, clothing and sundries.

Veteran and wife living together Veteran, wife and one child Veteran, wife and two children Veteran, wife and three children Veteran, wife and four children Veteran, wife and five children	94.00 110.00 125.00 141.00
Parent and one child	91.50 107.00 124.00 138.50

The above figures are based on an average rental of \$25 a month. If the rent differs from \$25, a change in the budget equal to the difference should be made.

Extra fuel should be allowed in the winter time according to the amount needed.

Veteran or widow living with relatives	
Veteran or widow living out	60.00
Widow with one child, living with relatives	\$66.50
For each additional child	16.50
One child boarded out	\$29.50
Two children boarded out together	54.50
Three children boarded out together	78.50
Four children boarded out together	

Medical and doctors' bills should be allowed in addition as they occur.

Commissioner

February 2, 1946

Mr. Francis X. Cotter Commissioner of Veterans' Services State House Boston 33, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Re: Arthur R. Taylor, Jr.

The local Draft Board has no information on this man, and we are told by his parents that he signed-up for service through some Air Corps Officers that visited the Westborough High School, and that he later reported to Boston to enter the service.

Can you tell us where we can obtain his service record?

Yours truly,

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Clerk, Board of Selecthen.

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Chapter 13, Acts of 1946

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



AN ACT TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

Whereas, An acute shortage of housing exists in many of the cities and towns of the commonwealth and on account of such shortage many veterans of World War II are unable to obtain shelter for themselves and their families, and this shortage is likely to continue for a substantial period of time, and inability to obtain adequate shelter will cause suffering and disease among such veterans and their families unless such shortage is relieved, therefore this act is declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared that an acute shortage of housing exists in many of the cities and towns of the commonwealth: that on account of such shortage many veterans of World War II are unable to obtain shelter for themselves and their families regardless of their ability to pay for such shelter: that on account of the extent of the deficiency in housing and the difficulty in obtaining building materials it is likely that this shortage will continue for a substantial period; that on this account a time of public exigency, emergency and distress now exists so that the providing of shelter is a public function; and each city or town in which such shortage exists is hereby authorized to provide shelter for such of its inhabitants as are veterans of said war in the manner hereinafter designated for a period of five years from the date when this act becomes operative unless the general court shall previously determine that the time of public exigency, emergency and distress has ended, which period is hereinafter referred to as the present emergency.

SECTION 2. In this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings: Veteran. - A man or woman who served in the army or navy of the United States at any time on or after December seventh, nineteen hundred and forty-one and before the conclusion of World War II and has been separated therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. The term shall also include the widow of a man who so served and who died while in such service and the wife of a man who is still serving in said army or navy. Take by Eminent Domain. Take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine or chapter eighty A of the General Laws either a fee or rights less extensive than a fee either with respect to the interest taken or the duration of such rights or both. Dwelling Unit. A house, apartment, suite of rooms or room, occupied or designed or available for occupancy as a place of abode by one person, or by two or more persons closely related by blood or marriage living together as a family.

SECTION 3. During the present emergency a city or town may raise, appropriate and expend money and take such other action as is suitable and necessary for the purpose of providing shelter for veterans who are

inhabitants of such city or town by any or all of the following methods: (a) By establishing an information centre in which the dwelling units in such city or town available for veterans will be listed and veterans will be advised and assisted in establishing contact with the persons in charge of the selling or rental of such dwelling units and in determining whether a dwelling unit offered to a veteran is suitable for him at the price or rental charged. (b) By causing an investigation and survey to be made for the purpose of determining the probable requirements for dwelling units at the time of such investigation and survey and in the succeeding years of veterans and other persons who are inhabitants of such city or town, the number of unoccupied dwelling units in such city or town that are available for occupancy or that may be made available for occupancy, and the number of additional dwelling units, if any, that will be required to meet such requirements, for both temporary and permanent occupation, and, if a deficiency in available dwelling units is found to exist, of recommending means for overcoming such deficiency. (c) By purchasing, leasing or acquiring by gift or by taking by eminent domain one or more tracts of land which are entirely or almost entirely unoccupied by buildings, preparing such tracts for occupancy as herein provided, and permitting veterans to occupy such tracts with dwelling units of a temporary nature, such as portable or pre-fabricated houses, cabins, huts or trailers; or by itself providing such dwelling units of a temporary nature by causing them to be constructed or by acquiring them through purchase, lease, gift or grant wherever they may be found, causing them to be transported to the tracts so acquired and to be set up and made ready for occupancy. Dwelling units of a temporary nature when provided by a city or town may consist of separate apartments in a building designed to contain two or more dwelling units. Reasonable rates shall be charged for occupancy of land, buildings or other structures under this paragraph. (d) By using any real estate, which it has acquired by foreclosure of tax titles or in any other way and which is not devoted to and required by any other public use, for any of the purposes set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.

SECTION 4. The board of appeals from the decisions of the inspector of buildings of a city or town, if it finds that buildings or other structures constructed or assembled under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section three may be occupied and used as therein provided without endangering the safety of the occupants or injuriously affecting the best interests of the city or town although the provisions of all of the statutes, ordinances, by-laws and regulations relating to town planning, the subdivision and use of land, the construction, repair, maintenance and use of buildings may not be complied with, may authorize, under such conditions as it may impose, a variance from the requirements of such statutes, ordinances, by-laws and regulations. The proceedings before a board of appeals under this section shall be summary, and shall not be governed by section thirty of chapter forty of the General Laws and the determination of the board shall be final. In any city or town in which there is no such board of appeals, the mayor of the city or the selectmen of the town may appoint a board of appeals, which shall have all of the powers of a board of appeals under this section. board of health of such city or town, if it finds that the attendant sanitary conditions are such that the buildings and structures may be occupied as provided in paragraph (c) of section three without endanger-ing the health of the public or of the occupants of such buildings

although all of the statutes, ordinances, by-laws and regulations relating to the protection of the public health may not be complied with, may authorize, under such conditions as it may impose, a variance from the requirements of such statutes, ordinances, by-laws and regulations. Within six months after the termination of the present emergency all of such buildings and structures which do not comply with the provisions of all of such statutes, ordinances, by-laws and regulations shall be destroyed or removed, or remodelled in such a way as to comply with all of such statutes, ordinances, by-laws and regulations, and any subdivision or use of land which does not so comply shall be unlawful and shall be discontinued.

SECTION 5. In carrying out the provisions of this act, any city or town in which a housing authority has been organized under sections twenty-six L and twenty-six M of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the General Laws shall use such housing authority as its agent, and all moneys appropriated under this act or received by such city or town for the purposes of this act from any source shall be paid to the treasurer of the authority, and shall be disbursed by him subject to section twenty-six EE of said chapter. In any other city or town the city council or the town at its annual town meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, shall designate the board or officer to carry out the provisions of this act, or may establish a new board or office for the purpose.

SECTION 6. The authority, board or officer authorized by a city or town to carry out the provisions of this act shall determine in the first instance reasonable rates for rents and prices to be charged to veterans under paragraph (c) of section three, which shall be no higher than the limits imposed by any applicable federal regulation. In such determination the cost of the property or services sold, rented or furnished, the price of similar property or services in the open market, the value thereof to the veteran purchasing or renting the same and the ability of veterans generally to pay therefor may all be considered. Unusual factors due to the present emergency itself may be disregarded. Any person aggrieved by the determination of reasonable rates under this section, or ten taxable inhabitants of such city or town, may appeal to the state board of housing from such determination within ten days after it has been made; and the decision of such board upon questions of fact shall be final.

SECTION 7. A city or town may incur debt to meet expenses necessary for carrying out this act. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be paid in not more than five years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be outside the statutory limit and, except as provided herein, be subject to the applicable provisions of chapter forty-four of the General Laws, excluding the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof; provided, that the total amount of indebtedness under this act outstanding at any one time in any city or town shall not exceed one half of one per cent on the average of the assessors' valuation of its taxable property for the three preceding years, reduced and otherwise determined as provided in section ten of said chapter forty-four.

of the provisions of this act may receive grants or gifts from the United States government, or any federal agency, the commonwealth or any person or corporation, of money, land, buildings, structures, materials, furniture, equipment or other property, or services, and may co-operate with the United States government, or any federal agency, the commonwealth, or any person or corporation, in carrying out the provisions of this act, as a joint enterprise or in any other manner.

Approved January 30, 1946

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of Commissioner of Veterans Services

StateHouse, Boston 33

April 18, 1946

To the Soldiers! Relief Agents:

THIS IS A CHANGE OF INSTRUCTIONS

Please forward all applications for War Allowance which are now on hand in your office, with whatever supporting evidence you now have, and as soon as possible complete whatever is not forwarded with these applications.

In the future, forward all War Allowance applications the day they are received, and let the supporting evidence come along as soon as it is available.

We would also appreciate receiving notification as to what War Allowance applications you had forwarded prior to this time upon which you have received no determination from this office so that we may check our records.

May we ask you to make certain that the Social Security number of the applicant is entered on the Certificate of Reasons that is forwarded with Military Aid and State Aid applications.

Very truly yours,

francis X. Cotter Catter

Commissioner

MASSACHUSETTS COMMITTEE ON POST-WAR READJUSTMENT 20 Somer set Street Boston 8, Massachusetts

TRAINING VETERANS FOR AGRICULTURE

WHAT AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

SHOULD KNOW

Mr. Agriculturist:

Your industry stands at the threshold of a new era. No one can tell for certain what the future will bring forth, but many indications of change are visible.

Quick freezing, and the marketing of frozen foods will bring distant markets more closely to you than ever before, and at the same time competition from markets up to now too distant to be a factor in this area.

Quick freezing may also allow you to market your crop in an orderly fashion over a period of time, and thus without glutting the market iron out some of the peaks and valleys on the price chart.

Lockers for food storage, introduced widely during the war, may continue to play an important part in your economy. This is also true of quick freeze refrigeration units that are being built for the farm and home.

The possibilities of shipping farm products by air are being explored so that Maine and Florida may soon be exchanging ripe picked blueberries for tree ripened oranges, and Massachusetts and California cranberries for calavos.

"Know how," too, increased enormously during the war when farmers learned to produce the most in our agricultural history with only four-fifths of the usual farm labor.

These facts seem to indicate that competition in agriculture is going to be keener than ever before, and at the same time that the rewards for those with vision, "know how" and the will to work will be great.

All this leads up to the fact that we are going to need the best men and women that the country has to offer to lead and carry on our agriculture, both in the state and nation.

Many of the type we need can be found among our veterans, but by no means must we consider that all our veterans will make good farmers, for many will not. Those who will, must have certain fundamental characteristics, - love of the soil - ambition to make something of themselves - and "know how."

It is the job of you who are in agriculture to help to channel into agriculture those with the first two characteristics, and to provide them with the "know how."

This Committee's pamphlet "Training on-the-job for Veterans" explains the background of law under which veterans may obtain education and training. Those with disabilities come under Public Law 16 and training is authorized by the Veterans Administration.

All veterans honorably discharged, who served 90 days or more during the war come under Public Law 346, the G. I. Bill. Under this law veterans who wish to take education and training must do so in schools or under programs approved by the state agency which normally approves education and training if they wish to take advantage of subsistence and other benefits. In Massachusetts the approving agency for education and training in agriculture is the Board of Collegiate Authority within the Department of Education.*

The best sources of agricultural education for those who can meet the educational qualifications are probably to be found in the colleges, such as the four-year course at the Massachusetts State College, or the two-year Stockbridge course at the same institution, and in the vocational agricultural training schools and departments.

Those unable to attend such schools, either because of lack of educational background or because schools are full and unable to enroll more students, may still get training. This is possible through training-on-the job provided by farmers and others in the agricultural industry together with enrollment in an evening agricultural school, under a vocational agricultural teacher or supplemented by a correspondence course furnished by the Massachusetts State College. These not only afford the veteran practical down-to-earth training in farm skills and related basic information but offer you, the employer, a better class of help than you could ordinarily hire.

For such training to be approved by the Board of Collegiate Authority, and thus enable the veteran to get subsistence from the Veterans Administration a program must be set up by you, the employer, that will really teach the veteran how to farm and enable him, when training is completed, to obtain a reasonable rate of pay from you, or elsewhere, or to go into farming for himself with a reasonable chance of success.

The Massachusetts Department of Education, through its Division of Vocational Education has set up two types of training programs, one of which involves attendance at a vocational agricultural school. The second does not require class attendance.

1. A Day Agricultural School Program under which a trainee is enrolled in a Day Agricultural School and pursues a training program consisting of a

*Other states have other approving agencies.

definite number of months of class instruction accompanied by placement training related to class instruction which can take place on -

- a. His own farm; or
- b. His parents farm; or
- c. Other approved farm or an approved business allied to farming and continues his training in an Evening Agricultural School for one or more years.
- 2. An Evening School Program under which the veteran is enrolled in an Evening Agricultural School in conjunction with an approved placement training program on
 - a. His own farm; or
 - b. His parents farm; or
 - c. Other approved farm, or in an approved business allied to farming.

Under the Evening School Program the veteran may not be required to attend classes but instead may follow a previously planned course of study under the close supervision of a vocational agricultural instructor. There are a number of possibilities under this program such as initial placement on an approved farm other than his own (or in an allied business) and continuing later on his own farm; placement on an approved farm or in an approved business allied to farming, leading to subsequent employment in a similar business; initial establishment on his own farm or in his own business allied to farming; or placement training followed by admission to or training at an institution such as the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. In conjunction with his placement training the veteran will also have an opportunity for acquiring technical information through home study assignments.

In-Service-Training. Another training possibility, conducted on the farm, which does not require school attendance is also available to the veteran. This is called In-Service-Training. Under this form of training the veteran is placed with, and trains under, a competent farm operator who might be his own father.

To set up an In-Service-Training program a farmer (or an individual in a business allied to farming) applies to the Board of Collegiate Authority for approval to train veterans for a definite occupational objective. The Board of Collegiate Authority then supplies the applicant with the necessary "Application" and "Training Outline and Progress Record" forms. The Application and two copies of the Training Outline and Progress Record form when completed, are returned to the Board of Collegiate Authority for formal approval.

'Under the In-Service-Training program the farmer, therefore, assumes the obligation of giving the veteran specific and predetermined skill-training which should lead to employment on a satisfactory level, or the possibility for success in operating his own farm.

The veteran on In-Service-Training should apply to the Massachusetts State College for a correspondence course in his specific field of training so that he may obtain the basic information necessary to round out his knowledge.

Fuller details of the programs and how they may be set up can be obtained from your County Agent or the Massachusetts Department of Education, 200 Newbury Street, Boston, where you should contact Mr. John G. Glavin, Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

Procedure to be observed by the veteran in seeking approval for training is as follows:

- 1. He must apply to the Veterans Administration on form 1950 for a Certificate of Elegibility (form 1953) which will establish the amount of training he is entitled to receive.
- 2. He, himself, must locate an approved training program and be accepted. This may be in a college, a vocational agricultural school, on a farm or in a business allied to farming. Veterans anxious for training have, in many instances, persuaded employers to set up training programs and apply to the Board of Collegiate Authority for approval to conduct an In-Service-Training Program.

March 21, 1946.

C. J. Farley Assistant Director

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TITLE 38-PENSIONS, BONUSES, AND VETERANS' RELIEF

Chapter 1-Veterans' Administration

Part 10-Insurance

NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE EXAMINATIONS

Sec. 10.3464 Examination of applicants for insurance or reinstatement. Where physical or mental examination is required of an applicant for National Service Life Insurance. or of an applicant for reinstatement of National Service Life Insurance, such examination may be made by a medical officer of the United States Army, Navy, or Public Health Service, or may be made free of charge to him by a full-time or part-time salaried physician at a regional office or hospital of the Veterans Administration. Such examination may also be made, at the applicant's own expense, by a physician duly licensed for the practice of medicine by a State, Territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, who is not related to the applicant by blood or marriage, associated with him in business, or pecuniarily interested in the issuance or reinstatement of the policy. Examinations made in a foreign country by a physician duly licensed for the practice of medicine and otherwise acceptable, may be accepted if submitted through the American Consul. The Administrator of Veterans Affairs may require such further medical examination or additional medical evidence as may be deemed necessary and proper to establish the physical and mental condition of the applicant at the time of the application.

> OMAR N. BRADLEY, General, U. S. Army

March 20, 1945

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The Commonwealth of Massachusells Office of Commissioner of Veterans Services

State House, Boston 33

November 20, 1946

Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, Southboro, Massachusetts.

Gent lemen:

May I call your attention to Section 12 of Chapter 599, Acts of 1946, which requires the appointment of an Advisory Board.

The records of this office do not show that we have received notification of the composition of the Advisory Board in your town.

We would appreciate your advising us of the membership of the Advisory Board and their designated occupations or professions as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Francis X. Cotter, Commissioner.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

Washington 25, D. C.

20 December 1945

Honorable Maurice J. Tobin Governor of Massachusetts Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Governor Tobin:

On 24 October 1945 the Navy Department wrote to you in connection with the use and purpose of the Navy Notice of Separation (Form NavPers 553). Mention was also made of the Navy Honorable Discharge Certificate and the practice then being followed of leaving blank the reverse of that Certificate.

In response to the request of Naval personnel, veteran's organizations, and governmental agencies, the Navy Department has directed its discharge activities to transcribe certain information from the Navy Notice of Separation (NavPers 553) to the back of the Honorable Discharge Certificate. This new procedure will become effective in most instances during the latter part of December 1945. Thereafter, the back of the Honorable Discharge Certificate will show the man's file number, date and place of birth, date of entry into active service, highest rank or rating held, details of man's service, and other information.

None of this information will be new data. The information will be copied exactly from the Notice of Separation (Form 553). But the back of the Discharge Certificate will not contain all of the information contained on Form 553, and Form 553 will continue to be issued exactly as heretofore. This new procedure, i.e., showing certain information on the back of the Discharge Certificate, does not in any way invalidate or render incomplete any Discharge Certificate previously issued on which the back was left blank. The Navy Department will, upon request from the separatee, change Discharge Certificates previously issued with the back blank to include the information described above.

Your cooperation in making the above information available to the interested agencies in Massachusetts will be deeply appreciated.

By direction of the Chief of Naval Personnel.

Sincerely yours,

(S) W. F. Petersen
W. F. PETERSEN
Captain, USN
Director
Demobilization Activity

PART 944-REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE PRIORITIES

[Priorities Reg. 33]

§ 944.54 Priorities Regulation 33—(a) What this regulation does. This regulation sets up the Reconversion Housing Program of the Civilian Production Administration. It is designed to assist private builders, educational institutions and others to build moderate cost housing accommodations to which veterans of World War II will be given preference, by giving an HH preference rating for certain building materials for the construction. The regulation describes the methods of applying for the HH rating, the circumstances under which the rating will be assigned, the materials for which it will be given and the conditions imposed on the builder and succeeding owners in selling or renting the accommodations as long as this regulation is in force. Assistance will also be given under the regulation for the conversion of existing buildings which will provide additional habitable housing accommodations at moderate prices or rents. Veterans of World War II who wish to build houses for their own occupancy may apply under this regulation, subject to the restrictions of this regulation.

(b) Applications. A person wishes to build, complete or convert moderate cost housing accommodations under the Reconversion Housing Program may apply on an appropriate CPA form to be announced later, for an HH preference rating for materials of the kinds listed on Schedule A which are needed for the project. The application should be filed with the appropriate State or District Office of the Federal Housing Administration. Applications should not be filed unless construction is already under way or the builder plans to start actual construction within 60 days of the issuance of the rating (the ratings will expire and orders already placed must be unrated unless construction has started within 60 days of the issuance of the rating or an extension has been obtained from the Federal Housing Administration). The application should not be filed unless the builder has already obtained effective control of the land involved, and gives evidence of readiness to start within 60 days (for example, by getting necessary building permits, getting assurance of financing, making arrangements for utilities and the like). The builder will also be required to state sales prices or rents for the accommodations, which must be within the limits stated in paragraph (g). Application forms will not be available and applications will not be processed before January 15, 1946.

(c) Issuance of ratings. If the application satisfies the requirements indicated in paragraph (b), if the proposed sales price or rents are reasonably related to the proposed accommodations, and if the available supply of building materials reserved for this program has

not been fully committed, the FHA will authorize the use of the HH preference rating for the project as indicated in paragraph (d). One copy of the application will be returned to the builder, bearing a project serial number. The FHA will also send to the builder a placard, or placards, stating that the housing accommodations are being built under the Reconversion Housing Program, that they will be rented or sold at or below the amounts stated in the applications, and that they will be made available to veterans in preference to other persons. A placard must be put up in front of each separate building on the project site in a conspicuous location and must be left there until completion of the building and for 30 days afterwards, unless all the accommodations in the building have been sold or rented to veterans in accordance with paragraph (g). The ratings may not be applied to purchase orders until after the placard has been placed on the site of the project.

(d) Use of HH ratings. (1) When the FHA has assigned the HH rating to a project and when the builder has posted the placard on the project site, he may use the rating to get materials of the kinds listed on schedule A of this regulation which are required for the project. The rating may be applied to a purchase order only by placing on the order the following certificate (the standard certificate in Priority Regulation 7 may not be substituted for this certificate):

> RECONVERSION HOUSING PROGRAM Project Serial Number Rating: HH

I certify to the Civilian Production Administration that the materials covered by this order will be used only in a housing project being built under the Reconversion Housing Program at _ location of project), and that I will comply with the limitations on sales prices or rents and the preference to veterans provided in Priorities Regulation 33 and my approved application.

Builder

(2) The preference rating assigned may be used only to get the minimum quantities of the materials on Schedule A which are needed for the project. builder must not specify delivery dates on purchase orders for rated materials more than 30 days before the time they are to be incorporated in the project. This provision applies to materials ordered with an HH rating, instead of the usual rule in Priorities Regulation 32. In accordance with Priorities Regulation 1, materials obtained by using the HH rating must, if possible, be used in the construction of the project.

(3) Priorities Regulation 1 explains what the effect of an HH rating is. The HH rating may be extended by a dealer or distributor in the way set forth in Priorities Regulation 3, except that HH ratings may not be extended by manufacturers of the items listed on Schedule A to persons who supply them with the raw materials or components from which the items are made. For example, HH ratings may be applied or extended to manufacturers of gypsum board or gypsum lath to get the board or lath, but the manufacturer of the board or lath may not extend the HH rating to get paper to make the board or lath. Exceptions to this general rule may be made in directions to Priorities Regulation 33.

(4) The right to use the HH rating for a project expires 60 days after the issuance of the rating, unless the builder has begun construction on the project by physically incorporating at the site of the project materials which will be an integral part of the construction. If the builder has not begun construction within this time, he must unrate all orders for materials for the project to which he has applied the HH rating. If the application covers a number of different buildings, the right to use the rating for materials going into any individual building expires unless that particular building has been started within the 60 day period. However, before the expiration of the 60 day period, he may apply to the Federal Housing Administration for an extension of the starting date, showing why he was unable to begin construction in accordance with his original application and giving his revised starting date. Unless the request for an extension is denied, he need not unrate his orders but he must postpone the delivery dates so as to comply with paragraph (d) (2).

- (e) Construction of the project. A builder who uses the HH rating to get materials for housing accommodations must construct them in accordance with the description given in the application, except where he has obtained from the Federal Housing Administration approval for a change from the application.
- (f) Reports. All persons affected by this regulation shall file such reports as may be requested by the CPA, subject to the approval of the Bureau of the Budget in accordance with the Federal Reports Act of 1942.
- (g) Maximum sales prices and rents-(1) One-family dwellings. (i) An application for a one-family dwelling (a building designed for occupancy by one family and to be rented or sold as a unit) must contain statements of both the proposed maximum sales price and the proposed maximum shelter rent, regardless of whether the builder proposes to sell or rent the dwelling. The application will not be approved if the maximum sales price is over \$10,000 or if the maximum shelter rent is over \$80 a month.
- (ii) As long as this regulation remains in effect, no person (whether the builder or any other owner) shall sell a onefamily dwelling built or converted under the Reconversion Housing Program (where a builder has used an HH rating to get materials for the building or converting) for more than the maximum sales price specified in the application as approved plus normal broker's fees

or commissions actually incurred f services rendered at the purchaser's request and which a buyer of real estate customarily assumes in the community where the dwelling is located, or rent such a dwelling for more than the maximum shelter rent specified in the ap-

plication as approved.

(2) Multiple-family dwellings. (i) An application for a multiple-family dwelling (a building containing two or more separate living accommodations for two or more families) must contain a statement of the maximum shelter rent proposed for each apartment, or for each group of apartments having the same maximum shelter rent. The application will not be approved if the maximum shelter rent is over \$80 per month for any apartment.

- (ii) As long as this regulation remains in effect, no person (whether the builder or any other person) shall rent an apartment in a multiple-family dwelling built under the Reconversion Housing Program (where a builder has used an HH rating to get materials for the construction or conversion) for more than the maximum shelter rent specifled in the application as approved.
- (3) Dormitories and group housing facilities. (i) An application by an educational institution or public organization for a dormitory or group housing facility must contain a statement of the maximum shelter rent to be charged to each occupant. The application will not be approved if the maximum shelter rent proposed is more than the amount charged by the builder for similar accommodations in its other facilities.
- (ii) As long as this regulation remains in effect, no person (whether the builder or any other person) shall rent accommodations in a dormitory or other group housing facility built under the Reconversion Housing Program (where the builder has used an HH rating to get materials for the construction or conversion) for more than the maximum shelter rent specified in the application as approved.
- (4) Definition of maximum sales prices "Maximum sales price" an**d** rents. means the total consideration paid by the buyer for the dwelling including the land and all improvements, excluding only those incidental charges, such as brokerage fees or commissions, which a buyer of real estate customarily assumes. in the community where the dwelling is located and which have actually been incurred for services rendered at the buyer's request. "Maximum shelter rent" means the total consideration paid by the tenant to the landlord for the accommodations excluding only charges paid by the tenant for such tenant services as are approved on the application. The total charge for tenant services will not be approved if more than \$3 per room per month. Approval by the Federal Housing Administration of a proposed sales price or rent should be considered merely as a limit upon the price or rent to be charged. It should not be considered as a statement that the sales price or rent represents the value of the

dwelling or the apartment for other purposes. In the case of remodelling or rehabilitation, the Office of Price Administration may reduce the maximum rent specified in the application, unless prior approval of the rent has been ob-

tained from that agency.

(5) Requests for increases in sales prices and rents. A builder may apply to the Federal Housing Administration for an increase in the sales price or rent specified in the application before the house is sold or initially rented. The application will not be approved unless he can show that he has incurred or will incur additional or increased costs in the construction over which he had, or has, no control, or if he can show that he will incur additional or increased costs in the operation of rented accommodations over which he has no control. and that these increased or additional costs will make it impracticable for him to sell or rent at the price or rent speci-fled in the application. No increase in sales price or rent will be granted in excess of the increase in construction cost, or a proper proportion of it, or the increase in operating cost, as the case may be. However, no increase in sales price to an amount more than \$10,000 will be granted and no increase in shelter rent to more than \$80 a month will be granted except on appeal where unusual hardship would result.

- (h) Preferences for veterans of World War II—(1) Single family dwellings. (1) A builder who has used the HH rating to get materials for a single-family dwelling must publicly offer it for sale or for rent at or below the maximum sales price or the maximum rent given in the application to veterans of World War II for their own occupancy, during construction and for 30 days afterwards. (While the preference for veterans lasts during construction and for 30 days after completion, or for 30 days at the time of a resale or subsequent renting, the restrictions of paragraph (g) on prices and rents continue as long as this regulation is in effect). A veteran of World War II means a person who has served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Coast Guard or Marine Corps, or in the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II and who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
- (ii) As long as this regulation remains in effect, if a single-family dwelling built under the Reconversion Housing Program is being offered for sale, the owner (whether the builder or any subsequent purchaser) must not sell or otherwise dispose of it to any person other than a veteran of World War II unless he has publicly offered it for sale to such veterans for at least 30 days (or during construction and for 30 days afterwards in the case of the builder) at or below the maximum sales price.
- (iii) As long as this regulation remains in effect, if a single-family dwelling built under the Reconversion Housing Program is being offered for rent. the owner (whether the builder or any subsequent purchaser) must not rent it to any person other than a veteran of

rld War II unless he has publicly offered it for rent to such veterans for at least 30 days (or during construction and for 30 days afterwards in the case of the builder) at or below the maximum rent.

(2) Multiple-family dwellings. (1) As long as this regulation remains in effect, a builder who has used the HH rating to get materials for a multiple-family dwelling must publicly offer the apartments in it for rent to veterans of World War II during construction and for 30 days after completion at or below the

maximum given in the application.

(ii) As long as this regulation remains in effect, no other person shall rent an apartment in a multiple-family dwelling built under the Reconversion Housing Program to any person other than a yet-eran of World War II unless he has publicly offered the apartment for rent to such veterans for at least 30 days (or during construction and for 30 days after completion) at or below the maximum

rent specified in the application.

(3) Dormitories and group housing facilities. As long as this regulation remains in effect, a builder who has used the HH rating to get materials to build a dormitory or other group housing facility must make the accommodations available exclusively for veterans of World War II otherwise eligible to occupy the accommodation, except that if an educational institution builds a dormitory under this program it may make available to non-veterans 40% of the accommodations in the dormitory if it makes available to veterans of World War II similar or better accommodations in other dormitories at rents not larger than the rents specified in the application as approved. This may only be done, however, if the Federal Housing Administration specifically approves it. An educational institution which wishes to avoid segregation of veterans should attach to its application a letter stating the number of the accommodations in the proposed dormitory it wishes to make available to nonveterans, and describe the accommodations in regular dormitories which will be made available to veterans.

(i) Notices in advertisements and deeds. (1) As long as this regulation remains in effect, a builder who has used the HH rating to get materials for a dwelling and every other person who has acquired title to such a dwelling must include a statement in substantially the following form in any deed, conveyance or other instrument by which the dwelling is sold, transferred or mortgaged to

any other person:

The building on the premises hereby conveyed was built (converted) under the Reconversion Housing Program of the Civilian Production Administration under Priorities Regulation 33. (Builder's Serial No. --) and an HH rating was used to get materials for the construction. Under that regulation, a limit is placed on the sales price and rent for the premises (or in the case of a multiplefamily dwelling "on the rents for apartments in the premises") and preferences are given to veterans of World War II in selling or renting. As long as that regulation remains in effect, any violation of these restrictions by the grantee or by any subsequent purchaser will subject him to the penalti ovided by law. The above is inserted only to give notice of the provisions of Priorities Regulation 33 and neither the insertion of the above nor the regulation is intended to affect the validity of the interest hereby conveyed.

(2) As long as this regulation remains in effect, the builder and every subsequent owner, and their agents and brokers, must include a statement in substantially the following form in any advertisement printed or published in which accommodations built under the Reconversion Housing Program are offered for sale or for rent.

(j) Transfer of ratings forbidden. No person to whom an HH rating has been assigned shall transfer the rating to any other person (as distinguished from applying the rating to purchase orders) and any transfer attempted is void. If for any reason a builder wishes to abandon a project and another builder wishes to continue with the project, the new builder should apply to the appro-

priate FHA office, attaching to his ar plication a letter from the former builde, or the representatives of the former builder joining in the request for the assignment of ratings to the new builder.

(k) Appeals. Any person affected by this regulation who considers that compliance with its provisions would result in an exceptional and unreasonable hardship on him may appeal for relief. The appeal should be filed with the appropriate State or District office of the Federal Housing Administration.

(1) Communications. All communications concerning this regulation should be addressed to the CPA, Washington 25, D. C., Ref: PR-33, except that inquiries as to specific applications should be addressed to the appropriate. State or District office of the Federal Housing Administration.

(m) Violations. Any person who wilfully violates any provision of this regulation or who, in connection with this regulation, wilfully conceals a material fact or furnishes false information to any Department or Agency of the United States is guilty of a crime and upon conviction may be punished by fine or im-

any Department or Agency of the United States is guilty of a crime and upon conviction may be punished by fine or imprisonment. In addition, any such person may be prohibited from making or obtaining any further deliveries of, or from processing or using, material under priority control and may be deprived of priorities assistance.

(n) Effective date. This regulation is effective January 15, 1946.

Issued this 20th day of December 1945.

CIVILIAN PRODUCTION
ADMINISTRATION,
By J. JOSEPH WHELAN,
Recording Secretary.

PART 944—REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE PRIORITIES SYSTEM

[Priorities Reg. 33, Schedule A]

The HH rating assigned under PR-33 may be used only to get the following materials (additions to and deletions from this schedule may be made from time to time):

Common and face brick
Clay sewer pipe
Structural tile
Gypsum board
Gypsum lath
Cast iron soil pipe and fittings
Cast iron radiation
Bathtubs
Lumber
Millwork

Issued this 20th day of December 1945.

CIVILIAN PRODUCTION
ADMINISTRATION,
By J. JOSEPH WHELAN,
Recording Secretary.

Office of COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS' SERVICES Room 123 State House Boston, Mass.

Under revised procedures, the Civil Service Commission no longer requires war veterans to send to the Commission proof of honorable separation from active duty in the armed forces, in claiming 5-point preference. When such a veteran submits an application to the Commission for Federal employment, his entitlement to 5-point preference in connection with that application is determined on the basis of his statements therein as to his military service. If his statements show that he is entitled to preference, he is granted tentative 5-point preference in connection with that application.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION

If you claim veteran preference as a non-disabled veteran who served during time of war:

- (a) Where Form 57 is used, answer question 22 in the application completely, but do NOT submit Form 14 or proof of preference with your application.
- (b) Where Form 60 is used, submit with your application Preference Form 14 without the proof required therein.

- If you claim preference: (a) as a disabled veteran
 - (b) as a wife of a disabled veteran (c) as a widow of a veteran, or

 - (d) as a veteran who served only during peace time and who was awarded a campaign badge or service medal for participation in a campaign or expedition, submit Form 14 with the

proof of preference called for therein. It is recommended that photostat or certified copies of your discharge be submitted instead of the original.

A veteran granted tentative 5-point preference, if offered appointment, will be required to present proof of honorable separation from active duty in the armed forces (or proof of being on terminal leave from the armed forces) to the appointing officer before or at time of entrance on duty.

A veteran granted tentative 5-point preference under the revised procedures gets exactly the same preference benefits in the examination and selection procedures as did the veteran granted absolute 5-point preference under the former procedures. The word "tentative" is used to show that the benefits are granted on the veteran's statements, but that he must submit the required proof if he receives an appointment.

Issued: December 14, 1945



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of Commissioner of Veterans Aid and Pensions

StateHouse,Boston 33

November 15, 1945

To the Chairman, Board of Selectmen:-

May I again call your attention to Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, to remind those who are interested in the organizing of districts that it will be necessary to take action this year if they wish to have their town enter a district and be operating as such in 1946, otherwise it will be necessary for any town adopting Chapter 723 after this year to have a separate Department of Veterans Services.

I would appreciate being notified by each town upon their action relative to the adoption of Chapter 723, whether it is to set up a separate Department of Veterans Services or to enter a district. Whenever a Director is appointed, I would appreciate being notified as soon as possible of the name of the Director and the address of the Department of Veterans Services.

Very truly yours,

Francis X. Cotter

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The Commonwealth of Massachusells

Office of Commissionex of Veterans Aid and Pensions

State House, Boston 33

September 28, 1945

To The Board of Selectmen:

The following is an explanation of Chapter 723, Acts of 1945 which has been prepared for your information and reference.

Francis X. Cotter

Commissioner of Veterans Services

CHAPTER 723 THE ACTS OF 1945

Effective October 24, 1945



SECTION 1. This legislation permits any city or town to establish or maintain a department of veterans' services, for the purpose of furnishing information and assistance to veterans of World War II and other veterans, and that the department as established shall be known as the department of veterans! services. It provides that the title of the officer in charge shall be the director of veterans' services, and that he shall be a veteran whose separation from service in the armed forces of the U.S., in any war, has been honorable. Upon the effective date of the act, that is upon the date it is adopted by the city or town, the person who, at that time, is properly authorized to disburse state and military aid shall be the director of veterans! services and shall remain so until the appointing authority appoints a director of veterans! services, who may or may not be the person disbursing state or military aid. Should the person disbursing state or military aid not be a war veteran, but has an unlimited tenure of office or is serving for a definite term he may be appointed director of veterans! services and shall remain such until he is removed for cause or until the expiration of his term.

SECTION 2. Provides for the formation of a district of two or more cities or towns but no district may contain in its membership more than one city or town in excess of 12,000 population. It provides that formation and withdrawal be in the same manner, that is, by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of its charter, in a city, and by vote of the town meeting or the town meeting members, as the case may be, in a town. In the event any city or town desires to withdraw, the withdrawal action must be voted on not less than thirty days prior to the end of the fiscal year at which time a notice of such vote is filed with the other cities and towns comprising the district.

SECTION 3. Provides for the managing board of the district. This board comprising the mayors of any city and the chairmen of the boards of selectmen of the several cities and towns comprising the district. This board is authorized to appoint, fix the compensation of, and may remove a director of veterans' services of said district, and may appoint, fix the compensation of, and remove, a deputy or assistant to such director, if the board determines such deputy or assistant is necessary. The director shall be a war veteran and he may be an officer of any city or town disbursing state or military aid, who is a war veteran and he shall perform his duties of his office in such city or town as the managing board directs. The treasurer of one of the municipalities shall be selected by the district board as treasurer and shall give to the district a bond, with a surety company authorized to transact business in the commonwealth as surety, for the faithful performance of his duties as treasurer of the district in such sum and upon such conditions as said district board may require. The district treasurer shall disburse the money so received upon warrants approved by the district board.

SECTION 4. Provides that the district board shall determine the expenses of the district and their apportionment among the several municipalities, upon the basis of the taxable valuation as laid down in Chapter 559, Acts of 1945, and shall promptly notify the treasurers of such municipalities of such apportionment. Annually in December, the city and town treasurer so notified, shall certify the amount of such apportionment to the board of assessors or his municipality, who shall include such amount required to notify the city and town treasurers of the constituent members of the district from time to time of the amount to be paid to the district treasurer not exceeding, in the aggregate, the amount certified for the fiscal year.

SECTION 5. Provides for an unpaid advisory board to be appointed, in the cities by the mayor, and in the towns, by the selectmen, and in districts by the district board. The duties of this board are to render such assistance to the director of veterans' services of the municipality or district, relative to the provisions of this act, as said director may request. It provides for rules to be promulgated by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services.

SECTION 6. Provides for the acquisition of copies of current booklets and other printed matter pertaining to the statutory rights of war veterans provided under state and federal laws. It authorizes the departments and districts to call upon any department, board, division or commission of the commonwealth for such assistance as may be necessary in carrying out their functions. It further provides for the close co-ordination with other agencies established for the purpose of aiding the veterans, and that the various departments and districts of veterans.

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services establish a close liaison with the hospitals in their respective communities or districts for carrying out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 7. Provides that the operation of the districts and of the departments shall be supervised by the commissioner of veterans! services, and that these offices shall be physically located independently of, and separate and apart from, any other public or private agency, board, bureau, social agency or society, other than a municipal department established and maintained for the disbursement of state or military aid.

SECTION 8. Shall further make it mandatory that each city council shall vote before December 31, 1945, on the acceptance of this act, and in every town a vote shall be taken on the acceptance of this act not later than the annual town meeting in 1946.

Despite the fact that section 8 permits the town to delay the acceptance of this measure until the town meeting of 1946, no town can become part of a district unless a special town meeting is called in sufficient time before the end of the current year to permit the constituted members to direct the district board to organize and make an allotment of expenses to the treasurers of the cities and towns for certification to the assessors of the individual municipalities. Otherwise it will be impossible for the district to be financed for 1946.



HENRY F. LONG Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House: Boston 33

September 20, 1945

To His Honor the Mayor: The Honorable Board of Selectmen: The Treasurer: Each Assessor.

So many requests have come to me respecting Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, an act authorizing the establishment and maintenance of municipal departments for furnishing information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II or other veterans, that to avoid answering many letters it seems advisable to send this circular letter to each of you.

The act which permits setting up and maintaining services to assist discharged veterans does not carry an emergency preamble but is fully effective on October 24, 1945, before which date no action can be taken under its authority. Between October 24 and December 31, 1945, the city council of each city must vote on the acceptance or rejection of Chapter 723, and not later than at the annual town meeting in 1946 each town must act on an article inserted in a town meeting warrant, perhaps reading somewhat as follows: "To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, being an act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of municipal departments and of districts for furnishing information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II or other veterans."

Section 2 of Chapter 723 provides for the establishment of districts to carry on the service authorized, and towns which enter into districts will be required to insert a second article in a town

meeting warrant which may well read as follows: "To see if the town will vote to become a member of a district for the purposes provided by Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, said district to include the following towns (enumerate) or any of them." This article may be included in the same warrant with the article providing for the acceptance or rejection of Chapter 723, or in a warrant for a subsequent meeting.

If the arrangement for a district is to be operative in 1946 prompt action after October 24, 1945, seems imperative.

Section 4 of Chapter 723 provides that the district board shall determine the expenses of the district and apportion the same among the several municipalities included therein on the basis of the taxable valuation of said municipalities as established by the General Court as a basis of apportionment for state and county taxes, and shall promptly thereafter notify the treasurers of said municipalities of such apportionment. Every city or town treasurer so notified shall, annually in December, certify the amount of said apportionment to the board of assessors of his municipality, who shall include such amount in the tax levy of the following year.

It is obvious that unless action to form a district is taken in due time to permit the district to be organized and determine the expense so that city and town treasurers may certify apportioned amounts to their assessors in December, 1945, no funds for the work in districts will be available in 1946.

For treasurers who are required to certify district expenses as provided by Section 4 of Chapter 723, the following form of warrant is respectfully suggested:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OR TOWN OF 194 To the Board of Assessors Massachusetts Notice is hereby given that the district board of the Veterans Service District, of which is a member, have notified me city or town _____ dollars (\$) and that cents (\$.) represents the apportioned for the district in 194. expenses of city or town As provided by Section 4, Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, this amount is certified the assessors who are hereby warned and directed to include said amount of dollars and cents) in the tax levy of 194 . (\$ City or Town Treasurer

It is my hope that this will be of assistance to you and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Respectfully yours,

Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation



The Commonwealth of Massachusells Office of Commissionex of Veterans Sid and Pensions

StateHouse,Boston 33

August 14, 1945

To the Board of Selectmen:

Information relative to the appointment of Local and District Advisory Boards referred to in Section 5, Chapter 723, of the Acts of 1945 is furnished on the attached and is sent to you in advance of the effective date for easy reference and consideration.

Francis X. Cotter

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The Commonwealth of Massachusells Office of Commissioner of Veterans Sid and Pensions

State House, Boston 33

Chapter 723, Section 5, Acts of 1945

"In each department of veterans' services, and in each district established under section two, there shall be an unpaid advisory board to be appointed, in cities by the mayor, in towns by the board of selectmen, and in districts by the district board. Such advisory board shall render such assistance to the director of veterans' services of the municipality or district, relative to the provisions of this act, as said director may request. The state commissioner of veterans' services is hereby authorized and directed to formulate and publish, rules and regulations establishing in a general manner the types of persons with respect to their occupations, professions and special skills, who may be appointed to such unpaid advisory boards. Every such advisory board shall consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen residents of the city, town or district, as the case may be."

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In accordance with this authority the following occupations, professions or special skills shall be included on the unpaid advisory boards: — a registered physician; an industrialist; a business man, other than an industrialist; a representative of a veteran organization; a representative of organized labor; a clergyman; a superintendent of any hospital, public or private, where one exists in the municipality or district; a superintendent of schools; a teacher or director of the vocational or trade department of a school system; a person experienced in guidance or counselling; and a member of the public health department.

Francis K. Cotter | VE

Effective October 24, 1945



The Commonwealth of Massachusells Office of Commissionex of Veterans Sid and Pensions

State House, Boston 33

August 2, 1945

To The Board of Selectmen

The enclosed copy of Chapter 723, enacted by the General Court at the 1945 session, which relates to the establishing of a Department of Veterans' Services, is sent you for your information and consideration.

If this office can be of service in supplying answers to any questions relating to this Act or this Office, please feel free to advise us.

Francis X. Cotter, Commissioner Department of Veterans Services

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the
COMMISSIONER OF VETERANS SERVICES
Room 123, State House
Boston 33. Massachusetts

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CHAPTER 723

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In The Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five

AN ACT Authorizing the Establishment and Maintenance of Municipal Departments and of Districts for Furnishing Information, Advice and Assistance to Veterans of World War II or other Veterans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. In every city and town which accepts this act, in a city by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of its charter, and in a town by vote of the town at a town meeting, there shall, except as otherwise provided in case of a district formed under authority of section two, be established and maintained a department for the purpose of furnishing such information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II or other veterans as may be necessary to enable them to procure the benefits to which they are or may be entitled relative to employment, vocational or other educational opportunities, hospitalization, medical care, pensions and other veterans' benefits. Each department so established and maintained shall be known as the department of veterans' services, and the officer in charge thereof shall be known as the director of veterans' services. Such director shall be a war veteran and shall be appointed in a city by the mayor, with the approval of the city council, and in a town by the selectmen. The person in a city authorized by the city charter or by ordinance or vote of the city

council, and in a town authorized by vote of the selectmen, to disburse state or military aid, shall upon the effective date of this act become the director of veterans' services for such city or town and shall serve as such director until other provision is made as provided by this section; provided, that if such a person on said effective date is not a war veteran and has unlimited tenure of office or is serving for a definite term he may be retained in office as such director until he is removed for cause, or until the expiration of such term, as the case may be.

SECTION 2. Two or more municipalities which have accepted this act, only one of which may be a city or town in excess of twelve thousand population, may by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of its charter, in a city, and by vote of the town meeting or the town meeting members, as the case may be, in a town, form a district for the purposes set forth in section one of this act. Any constituent city or town by vote may withdraw from the district at the end of any fiscal year if such withdrawal is voted in the manner aforesaid not less than thirty days prior to the end of such fiscal year and notice of such vote is filed with the other cities and towns comprising the district.

SECTION 3. In every such district there shall be a board composed of the mayor of such city, if any, as may be included in the district, and the chairman of the board of selectmen of each of the towns in the district, which board shall appoint, fix the compensation of, and may remove a director of veterans' services of said district, and may appoint, fix the compensation of, and may remove, a deputy or assistant to such director, if in the opinion of said board such a deputy or assistant is necessary. Such director shall be a war veteran and shall, under the direction of said district board, perform the duties of his

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office in each of the municipalities comprising the district. The officer in any city or town included in such district who is authorized to disburse state or military aid in such city or town may be designated by said district board to be the director in such district. The treasurer of one of the municipalities comprising such district, designated by the district board thereof, shall be treasurer of the district and shall give to the district a bond, with a surety company authorized to transact business in the commonwealth as surety, for the faithful performance of his duties as treasurer of the district in such sum and upon such conditions as said district board may require. The district treasurer shall disburse the money so received upon warrants approved by the district board.

EECTION 4. Every such district board shall determine the expenses of the district and apportion the same among the several municipalities included therein on the basis of the taxable valuation of said municipalities as last established by the general court as a basis of apportionment for state and county taxes, and shall promptly thereafter notify the treasurers of said municipalities of such apportionment.

Every city or town treasurer so notified shall, annually in December, certify the amount of such apportionment to the board of assessors of his municipality, who shall include such amount in the tax levy of the following year. Upon order of the district board the city or town treasurer of each of the constituent members of the district shall from time to time pay to the district treasurer a sum or sums not exceeding, in the aggregate, the amount certified by the board as its respective share of the costs and expenses of the district.

SECTION 5. In each department of veterans' services, and in each district established under section two, there shall be an unpaid advisory board to be appointed, in cities by the mayor, in towns by the board of

selectmen, and in districts by the district board. Such advisory board shall render such assistance to the director of veterans' services of the municipality or district, relative to the provisions of this act, as said director may request. The state commissioner of veterans' services is hereby authorized and directed to formulate and publish rules and regulations establishing in a general manner the types of persons with respect to their occupations, professions and special skills, who may be appointed to such unpaid advisory boards. Every such advisory board shall consist of not less than five or more than fifteen residents of the city, town or district, as the case may be.

SECTION 6. Said departments and districts shall acquire and have on hand copies of current booklets and other printed matter pertaining to the statutory rights of war veterans provided under state and federal laws. They may call at any time upon any department, board, division or commission of the commonwealth for such assistance as may be necessary in carrying out their functions. They shall also work in close co-ordination with existing federal agencies established for the aid of war veterans, and they shall enlist the support of hospitals within their respective communities or districts for carrying out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 7. Departments and districts established and maintained hereunder shall be under the general direction of the state commissioner of veterans' services, and their offices shall be physically located independently of, and separate and apart from, any other public or private agency, board, bureau, social agency or society, other than a municipal department established and maintained for the disbursement of state or military aid.

SECTION 8. The city council in every city shall vote in the current year on the acceptance of this act, and in every town a vote shall be taken thereon not later than the annual town meeting in nineteen hundred and forty-six.

Approved July 25, 1945

From: Voterans Agent. To : Board of Selectmon.

Subj: Re-Impursements by Commonwealth on 1949 Veteran Benofit Expenditures. . . Report On.

- 1. Under date of 1 December 1949, the Voterans Agent was infersed by the Commissioner of Veterans Services that, covering the period from 1 May to 1 September 1949, the sum of \$425.05, will be reimbursed the town, on or before 15 December 1949.
- The above sum is one-half the amounts authorized under provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, expended during the aforementioned period for Veteran Benefits.
- The Veterans Agent previously reported that, under date of July 25 1949, he had been informed that the sum of \$472.55, the state's share of Veteran Benefit expenditures for the 1 January to 1 May 1949 period, would be paid to the town on or before 1 September 1949. It is assumed that this payment has been received.
- 4. It is estimated that, for the months of September, October, November and December 1949, reimbursement by the Componwealth for Veteran Benefit Payments made during those months will approximate (1950). In connection with the preceding paragraph, it also is reported that the sum of preceding paragraph, it also is reported that the \$26.75 will be paid in connection with one overseas dead burial expenses.
- Subject to slight variation in the estimate as to reimburgement total for the final four months of this year, it is estimated that the total reimburgement for Veteran Benefit expenditures in 1949 will be approximately \$1400.00.

J. H. Burke

Copies to: Town Tressurer Town Auditor Advisory Board

From: Veterans Agent. To : Board of Belectmen.

Subj: FUTURE COSTS OF DEPARTMENT OPERATION- - SETTIMATE ON.

- 1. In compliance with recent directive from the Board of Selectmen, the following information as to estimated subject costs is submitted.
 - (a) As far as can be foreseen there should be no added expenses in connection with salary and administrative items during the next ten and twenty years. If current salary and expenses such as postage, stationery, association dues, travel etc., remain constant, and it is believed they should remain constant, approximately \$\frac{1}{400}\$ per year will be ample to finance these items.
 - (b) Future costs of Ordinary Benefits, Medical Benefits, Dentel Benefits and Fuel Allowances, cannot be predicted with any degree of accuracy. Future economic conditions, changes in pension and other veteran benefit laws, would cause these costs to vary materially. A depression leading to wide unemployment could increase Veteran Benefit costs drastically.
 - (c) Pension legislation now before Congress, whereby veterans reaching the age of 65 and within certain income limitation restrictions, will be eligible to receive pension of 72 monthly, will have little effect on local veteran benefit costs for another ten to fifteen years.
- 2. Subject to the foregoing conditions, it is believed that the Veterans Services Department can operate on a \$3600 per year budget for benefits, medical and fuel expenses, and a \$400 per year administrative budget, for the next ten or twenty years. Total for both items for ten years estimated at \$40,000. Total for twenty years estimated at \$80,000.
- 4. Unless extant state laws are changed, approximately one-half of the foregoing budgets (exclusing salary and administrative costs) would be reimbursed to the tows by the Commonwealth.

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January 23, 1946

Mr. Merle W. Bogart Main Street Southborough, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I have today received a telephone call from Mr. George H. Burnett, Chairman of your Board of Selectmen, who gave me very surprising news to the effect that you had not turned over the records of your office as Soldiers' Relief Agent when you retired from that job.

Now, Merle, you and I have been not only associated in veterans' affairs officially for a number of years but, also, socially through our services in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. When I have asked you to do certain things in the past, you have always done them. Now I am appealing to you to go through again and do the thing that you should do, not only because you were a town officer, but a good comrade as well.

You must realize that when you refuse to turn over these records, you are creating certain hardships which cannot be overcome until you cooperate. So far, I am treating this telephone call as personal and I have not gone ahead and turned the matter over to the Commissioner. Were I to do this, then certain things would happen which would be most embarrassing to you. I am advised by Mr. Burnett that certain accounts, even dating back to 1944, have not been paid and that they can't be paid until these records are turned over to your successor.

Southborough is in my district and I am responsible for conditions existing therein. Therefore, when you fail to cooperate in this matter, this reflects seriously upon me as well as on you. I must insist that you cooperate at once. All your records must be turned over and these outstanding accounts must be paid. I do not want to assign an investigator out to your district because our investigators at the present time are very busy and none of

them can be taken from their regular work and assigned to check a condition which should never have developed.

Before I take any further action or report this situation to any higher authority, I am, therefore, appealing to you and asking that you do the right thing and immediately take the steps to deliver all your records to your successor or to Mr. Burnett.

I await an early reply from you and sincerely hope that when this reply is received, it will be advising me that you have complied with my request made in the real spirit of cooperation and comradeship.

Sincerely yours

HVO:AL

Henry V. O'Day 1st Deputy Commissioner July 9, 1945.

Mr. Merle Bogert, Southborough, Massachusetts

Dear Merle:

We would like very much to have you attend the next Selectmen's Meeting, which will be held on Thursday evening July 20th, at 8:30.

Yours sincerely,

CHB: R



> Charles 26 August 1950 From: Veterane' Agent, Southboro, Mass. : Commissioner of Veterans' Services. Subj: Increased Ordinary Benefits Budget, Case MOORE, Harriett, wife of MORE, Harry W., WW I Veteren Benefit Recipient --Request for. (a) ComvetSer Ltr. re Increased Budgets effective 1 Sept. 1. Reference (a) authorized increased budgets in permanent cases in which Chapter 115 benefits are involved. 2. Under date of 7 July 1950, the dommissioner authorized requested Ordinary Benefits in subject case in the sum of \$88 per month. This \$88 monthly payment has been the prevailing sutherisation in this particular case for a lengthy period. Throught the period, the town has been paying (108.3) per month to this family due to fact that authorised budget was imadequate to permit proper subsistence of this family unit. Payment made by the town actually has been \$25 weekly.

3. Under the new budget established by the Commissioner as per reference (a), the Veterans Agent analyzes this case as follows:

Veteran and wife. .\$100.00 4 Ghildren (6 \$20) 80.00 GROSS TOTAL..\$280.00

The votoren owns his home and thus pays no rent, so the established wort allowance of \$25, plus \$60 received by this veteran as a total and permanent non-service disability compensation, or a total deletion of \$65 monthly, should be applied to the gross budget total of \$150, thus leaving a balance of \$95 as budget under the new schedule.

- A. It might be mentioned that arrangements have been made whereby the local assessors have agreed to abate taxes on the home of the veteran involved.
- 5. It therefore is requested that, beginning as of 1 October 1950, the \$88 menthly Ordinary Benefits previously authorized in this case be amended to an authorization of \$95 per month, from 1 October to 31 December 1950.
- 6. This increase will not bring additional payment to the votoren but will permit the town to obtain a slight additional return on the excess sum, over and above the budget, now being paid this family unit.

BAGLEY-FAY POST, 161

THE AMERICAN LEGION

January 20, 1949

The Chairman Board of Selectmen Southboro, Mass.

Dear Sire -

Subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, it is requested that the following article be inserted in the warrant for the annual town meeting to be held in March, 1949:

"To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to defray expenses of the observance of Membrial Day, May 30th., 1949, under auspices of the Bagley-Pay Post, The American Legion, or do or act thereon."

This article is identical with that sponsored by the American Legion Post last year with exception of the designated name of the post, now officially designated as Bagley-Fay Post, 161, The American Legion.

Very truly yours,

Edward F. Clark, Condr. Bagley-Fay Post, A. L.

1 February 1949 Mr. Francis W. Seeley South Street South Berlin, Mass. Dear Sir: This is to inform you that your application for Veterans Benefits under provisions of Chapter 115, G. L., as amended, is disapproved. Investigation conducted in and about Berlin and Marlboro indicates that steady employment always was available to you for several months past but you failed to take advantage of this employment. You received better than \$32.00 in wages the week you last worked. Investigation further makes clear that for the ten previous weeks, when your pay ranged from about \$12 to \$25 per week, it was at that low figure merely because you falled to report for work when it was steadily available. During a considerable period in the past, until she was laidoff for reasons of economy in the plant in which she had been employed in Hudson, Mass., your wife also was in receipt of wages. Further, subsequent to her termination of employment, she received Unemplyment Benefit payments.. In summary, it is indicated that your present financial distress is principally due to your own failure to avail yourself of employment and is not due, as far as is evident, to physical handlesp. The writer furnished you with R: return-addressed envelope in which to mail cortificate of Physical inability to perform labor, this to be furnished by your doctor. The Vetorana Services Department in Meriboro also informed, you that this statement from physician would be necessary. In view of the foregoing, your application for veteran benefits is denied. Since no medical evidence is available to the contrary, it must be assumed that your physical condition now has improved. Finally, report has been received that you resumed work with your former employer yesterday. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Commissioner of Veterans Services, State House, Moston, Mass. Very truly yours, J. H. Burke Veterans Agent, Southboro

Southboro, Mass. 8 January 1949

From: Veterans Agent. To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Estimated Reimbursement by State for Veteran Benefit and Burial Overseas Dead Expenditures for 1948. .Revision in.

Ref: (a) Budget for 1949 previously submitted by VetAgent.

- i. The final memorandum entered on reference(a) set forth that rough estimate of reimbursment to the town, by the State, for subject type expenses, was \$1175.00.
- 2. Now that all bills for 1948 have been received and approved, the Veterans Agent wishes to revise that estimate as follows:

 - (b) Estimated Reimbursement under Chapter 624, burial overseas dead(John G. MacNeill Funeral). 21.75

New Total Reimbursements \$1232.18

J. In accordance with provisions of the Acts involved, the town should receive checks totalling the above sum of \$1232.48, from the Commonwealth, on or before 10 November 1949.

J. H. Burke

26 March 1949

From: Veterans Agent. Southboro, Mass. To : Commissioner of Veterans Services.

Subj: Reduced Medical Benefits Allowed By Commissioner, Cases Harriett Moore and Harlett Kaler. . Request Reconsideration.

- Under date of March 17, 1949, the Veterans Agent requested suthorization to pay attending physicians involved in subject veteran benefit cases, total of 48.00 each, two house visits having been made in each case by these physicians. This schedule was based upon \$3.00 per visit for two visits in each case, plus \$1.00 per visit for travel.
- In each instance the attending physician is forced to travel between four and seven miles to visit these cases. It is the contention of the Veterans Agent that this travel is in excess of what might be termed "reasonable" in the normal attendance on such cases. That the Commissioner is in agreement on the travel issue is indicated by the fact that pheretofore the allowance always has been approved without question.
- It therefore is requested that reconsiderateon be given in these two cases and that the sum of an additional \$2.00 be approved for travel involved in attendance upon each of the subject two cases. If this adjustment is made, the medical benefits approved in the Harriott Moore case should be a total of 17.10(as requested), and in the Harriett Kaler case should be \$8.00(as requested), these for February 1949.

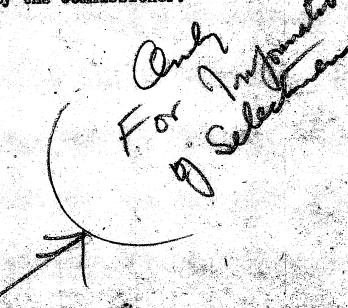
J. H. Burke Jum Or From: Veterans' Agent, Southboro, Mass. To: Dr. Dante P. Colitti, 24 Alden St., Ashland, Mass.

Subj: Bill in sum of \$20.00 Submitted under date of 28 October, 1948, Case Harriett Moore, Southville.

- 1. The subject bill is acknowledged. In view of the fact that this case was admitted to the hespital and underwent operation as a Veteran Benefit Recipient case, for which only operative and other hospitalization fees are approved in accordance with the schedule established by the Commissioner of Veterans Services, the Veterans Agent feels that he cannot approve the \$20 fee involved.
- 2. The Board of Selectmon of Southboro have been authorized to pay a fee of ten dollars in this case and check in that emount should be received by you early in December. The Commissioner of Veterans Services is in agreement as to the \$10 fee involved.
- 3. Should you believe the fee of \$10 is inadequate and not consistent with the schedules established by the State Commissioner, you are informed that an appeal may be taken to that official at the State House.

John H. Burke

P. S. It should be mentioned that the operating physician and the hospital submitted bills definitely in conformity with schedules established by the Commissioner.





Beary V. O'Day Commissioner of Veterans' Services State House, Boston, Mass.

My dear Hank:

I am enclosing correspondence (copies), involving an issue between myself and the Framingham Community Rospital in relation to hospitalization of Mrs. Harriett Moore of this town, wife of a permanent and total disabled WWI Veteran. Mrs. Moore underwent a panhysterectomy at that hospital on October 29. She entered the hospital the previous day, October 28.

Prior to her admission to the hospital I wrote the Superintendent of the institution, informing him that this patient was dependent of a recipient of Veteran Benefits, that the established fee of \$8.00 per diem to cover all hospital services, would prevail. I further specifically told him that no payments for operating room or such services would be authorized.

The physician in the case, Dr. A. F. Annunzista of Hopkinton, performed the operation and sent in his bill for \$125.00, this absolutely in accordance with the schedule of Blue Cross. He agreed to this prior to admission of the patient. He also told the hospital that this patient was wife of a Veteran Benefit recipient.

I have returned the bill(copy enclosed) to the hospital. I protest all charges except \$8.00 per diem for an eleven day period, total \$88.00. Believe the enclosed copies of correspondence will further substantiate my action in this case.

Thought it advisable to forward you this material as the hospital may appeal the issue. This institution is one of those backed by Middlesex physicians and has a reputation for "gouging". However, the institution previously has accepted Veteran Benefit patients at the established fees. I know this is so in cases of Marlboro and Framingham.

How is Georgia getting along these late Fall days? Hazel and I send very best regards to both of you.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Burke

Newton St., Southboro, Mess.

From: John H. Burke, Veterans' Agent, Southbore, Mas... To : The Superintendent, Framingham Community Hospital.

Subj: Your Bill, dated 10 November, 1948, in sum of \$149.30. Case of Harriett Moore, Wood Street, Southwille, Hass., wife of Disabled Veteran.

Ref. :(a) Commissioner Votorans' Services Schedule of

Fees for Hospitalisation, dated 2 July 1948.
(b) Ltr. from Vet. Agent. Southbore, to Superintendent Community Hospital, dated 27 October 1948.

- 1. Reference (a), copy of which was furnished to the Framingham Community Hospital and presumed to be on file at that institution, set forth hospitalization fees to be paid for hospitalization of Veteran Benefit Recipients and their dependents. Pages three and four of reference (a) sets forth that a maximum of \$8.00 per diem, this to gover all hospital expenses, would be allowed in cases of this type.
- 2. Reference(b), written prior to admission of the subject patient to the Framingham Community Mespital. informed that only the prescribed \$8.00 per diem would be paid in this case "this fee to cover all hospitalization with exception of the operation".
- J. Your bill, returned berewith, charges \$9.75 per diem. Instauch as this fee is in excess of that allowed, namely \$6.00, the Town of Southboro regrettably must refuse payment of this excess charge. The \$8.00 per diem established charge includes all extendant fees. No additional fee for use of operating room or laboratory procedures are allowed in this type case.
- 4. The patient was at the Community Hospital from October 28 to November 8, a total of eleven days. The allowed per diem fee of \$6.00 would bring the proper billing in this case to \$88.00. If the Community Mospital will resubmit a bill in the sum of \$88.00 for all hospital charges in this case, the Veterans Agent will recommend to the State Commissioner and the Selectmen of the Town of Southboro, that the bill be paid.
- 5. Should the Community Hospital fail to concur in the foregoing statements, an appeal from the decision of the Veterans' Agent may be made to the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, State House, Boston.

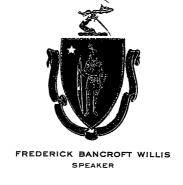
John H. Burke Veterans Agent From: Veterans' Agent, Southboro, Mass. To : Commissioner of Veterans' Services.

Subj: Case of Harry W. MOCRE, WWI Veteran Benefit Recipient-Continuation and Increase in Benefits Requested.

- 1. Under date of December 19, 1947, the Commissioner, in an amended Veteran Benefit Authorization slip, authorized Ordinary Benefits of \$82.00 monthly from December 1947 to April 1948 inclusive, to Harriet Moore, wife of subject permanent total non-service connected disability veteran. These Ordinary Benefits will expire on April 30, 1948.
- 2. Inasmuch as this case is one of permanent disability and no improvement in living or other conditions appear possible. Its is requested that continuation of benefits be granted through December 31, 1948. This same family has been receiving fuel allowance of \$18.00 monthly from I October through 30 April, by authority of the Commissioner. This fuel allowance, according to extant policy of the Commissioner, will terminate on 30 April.
- 3. Records show that from April to October of 1947, a sum in excess of fifty dollars was paid for range oil for use in cooking and such heating purposes as might be necessary, in the home of the subject veteran. All this fuel cost was borne by the town. The Moore home is located on the bank of a river, in an extremely damp region wherein a greater than normal amount of fuel is needed to overcome dampness.
- 4. It is urgently recommended that the Ordinary Benefits in this case be increased to \$90 monthly during the period April 30 to 1 October, or if more consistent with policy of the Commissioner, that this family be granted a fuel allowance of \$8,00 monthly in addition to the \$82.00 in Ordinary Benefits, for the period mentioned.
- 5. It should be mentioned that range oil is the only fuel used in this home for both heating and cooking purposes. There is no gas service in the area and the heaters installed in the home are equipped for oil use only.

J. H. Burke





SPEAKER'S ROOM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

August 22, 1945

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have compiled a list of the laws passed by the Legislature of 1945 which affect veterans, their families and dependents.

In view of the fact that if your town accepts the provisions of Chapter 723 of the Acts of 1945, namely,

"relative to the establishment and maintenance of municipal departments and of districts for furnishing information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II or other veterans".

you will have certain appointive and other duties, and also may be a member of a District Board thereunder, I think this list will be of help to you.

If there is any way I can be of further assistance to you or the Board, I hope you will let me know.

Fuderich B. Willis



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PROBLEMS OF DEMOBILIZATION. ı.

1. The information contained herein is provided in the hope that it will bring about a wider understanding of the policies governing the discharge of enlisted personnel and the reasons for these policies.

2. The War Department is pressing forward full speed with the reduction of our war time Army to the far smaller Army required to enforce surrender and to perform occupational and U. S. continental continuous duties. garrison duties.

3. The Army demobilization program cannot be completed immediately. It involves the release of millions of men and women distributed over the entire world. The program will therefore take time. The total number of Army personnel released during the period 12 May 1945 through 14 December 1945 was over 4,231,000.

DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL UNDER THE NEW POINT AND LENGTH OF SERVICE SCHEDULE.

II. DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL UNDER THE NEW POINT AND LENGTH OF SERVICE SCHEDULE.

1. The War Department has announced point score and length of service factors, effective 31 December 1945, under which men and women are eligible to return to civilian life.

2. The Adjusted Service Rating Score will continue to be computed as of 2 September 1945 based on the following factors:

a. Service Credit - 1 point for each month of active duty in the Armed Forces since 16 September 1940.

b. Overseas Credit - 1 point for each month served overseas since 16 September 1940.

c. Combat Credit - 5 points for the first and each additional battle participation star or medal for service performed since 16 September 1940. (This does not include Good Conduct medals, Presidential unit citation, theater ribbons, or qualification badges.)

d. Parenthood Credit - 12 points for each child under 18 years up to the limit of three.

3. The number of points a soldier needs to become eligible for discharge under the point system is known as the critical score.

4. "Length of Service" as used herein includes total active honorable service, continuous or interrupted, since 16 September 1940, and continues to accrue with the passage of time. Service in the WAAC will be included for WAC. Time lost under the Articles of War, 107, will not be included 5. Enlisted personnel possessing the following rare skills; Orthopedic Mechanic, Dental Laboratory Technician, Medical Laboratory Technician, and X-Ray Technician, are considered as scarce category personnel and essential to the extent that they may be retained by the Army for a period not to exceed six months after they become eligible for discharge by reason of critical score, age, or length of service. There are only a small number of these individuals in the Army.

6. Enlisted personnel with the following point scores recomputed as of 2 September 1945, or length of service as indicated, other than those listed in paragraph 5, become eligible for discharge as follows:

31 Dec 45

50 points

Enlisted women

31 Dec 45 50 points or 3 years 6 months 32 points or 2 years 6 months

DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL BY REASON OF AGE.

1. Discharge of enlisted personnel by reason of the following age factors is effected upon application for such discharge by the individual soldier. Application will be made to the enlisted man's or woman's immediate commanding officer. Where absolutely necessary, commanders may retain for 90 days any individual for whom a replacement is not available. Enlisted personnel eligible for discharge by reason of age may be retained in the service under the provisions of paragraph 5, Sect. II, if classed as scarce category personnel. Enlisted personnel are eligible for discharge if they are: discharge if they are:

a. 38 years of age or over.
b. 35, 36, or 37 years of age, and in addition, have completed a minimum of two years' active military service underhonorable conditions.

DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED WOMEN BY REASON OF MARRIAGE.

1. An enlisted woman who is married will be discharged upon her application to her immediate commanding officer, provided she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps prior to 12 May 1945.

2. If an enlisted woman is married to a discharged veteran of World War II, she becomes eligible for separation, upon her own application, irrespective of the date upon which she enlisted.

DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL ON ACCOUNT OF HARDSHIP OR DEPENDENCY.

SHIP OR DEPENDENCY.

1. Discharge of enlisted personnel on account of dependency or hardship has been liberalized and, under the present War Department policy, will, 'upon request, be granted, regardless of point scores or age, if the evidence submitted clearly indicates that the soldier's discharge will materially affect the care or support of the individual's family, and will alleviate extreme and undue hardship.

a. Soldiers stationed in the United States must themselves make written applications to the commanders empowered to take final action thereon, without reference to the War Department.

b. Families of soldiers overseas may submit the request for discharge together with necessary supporting evidence directly to The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.

2. The evidence required for dependency or hardship discharge should normally be in affidavit form. The evidence will show that either:

a. As the result of the death or disability of a member of his family, the enlisted person's presence at home is necessary for the support or care of a member or members of his family, or

b. The individual or his family is undergoing hardships more severe than the hardships normally experienced by all members or families of members of the military service; that this hardship is not of a temporary nature and that the discharge of the enlisted person will eliminate or materially alleviate the condition and that there are no means of alleviation readily available other than by such discharge.

3. Affidavits or statements, by or on behalf of enlisted person's dependents and by at least two disinterested persons substantiating the dependency or hardship claim, may be accepted from responsible individuals or agencies having personal knowledge of the circumstances involved. If

dependency, or hardship is the result of the death of a member of enlisted person's family occurring after the soldier's entrance into the service, a certificate or other valid proof of death should be furnished. If dependency or hardship is the result of disability of a member of the enlisted person's family occurring after his entrance into the service, a physician's certificate should be furnished showing specifically when such disability occurred and the nature thereof. There should also be furnished the names, ages, occupations and monthly incomes of members of the enlisted person's family, if any, living in the home or vicinity. If assistance is needed in preparing or assembling the necessary affidavits or other evidence required, it is suggested that the soldier's dependents, or the individuals acting for the dependents, contact their local chapter of the American Red Cross and, if the soldier is not in the United States, the evidence of dependency should be forwarded directly to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

4. Final decision regarding the application of soldiers in the United States, if favorable, is made by The Commanding General of the Army Air, Ground or Service Force, of the major force with which the soldier is on duty, or by subordinate commanders to whom authority is delegated. If the soldier is overseas and the application is approved by the War Department, the theater commander is directed by the War Department to return the soldier for discharge, if the soldier so desires.

5. If the application is disapproved, the interested individuals will be notified.

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be notified.

6. Effective 1 December 1945, an enlisted man may be released upon application, if he has three or more children under 18 years of age who are dependent upon him.

DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE TO NATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY OR INTEREST.

1. Applications for discharge because of importance to national health, safety, or interest must be made by the soldier himself to his immediate commanding officer, if the soldier is stationed in the United States.

2. The Adjutant General is authorized to take final action on application for discharge for National Health, Safety or Interest received by him

cation for discharge for National Health, Safety or Interestreceived by him in behalf of overseas personnel.

3. The application should fully set forth all of the pertinent facts and should be accompanied by such supporting statements or data in affidavit form as may be appropriate.

4. Approval may be granted by field commanders without reference to the War Department. In the case of disapproval, the interested individuals will be notified. The War Department believes that mass releases under the point system and length of service factor will take care of the great bulk of the requirements of industry, agriculture and the professions. Therefore, discharges on the basis of the national interest will be limited to unusual cases.

VII. DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL BY REASON OF PHYSICAL DISABILITY.

 Whenever a soldier is unable to render appropriate, service in any assignment by reason of physical defects and it is further determined by a board of medical officers that such defects cannot be corrected within a reasonable time, the individual will be discharged.

VIII. DISCHARGE OF SURPLUS ENLISTED PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED

1. The Commanding Generals of the Army Air, Ground, and Service Forces are authorized to discharge enlisted personnel in the United

ice Forces are authorized to discharge enlisted personnel in the United States who are:

a. Not currently eligible for discharge by reason of point score, length of service or age, and

b. Not qualified for foreign duty and have completed two years of active military service since 16 September 1940, and

c. Surplus to the requirements of the major force to which assigned and not economically retrainable to perform useful service, and d. Not possessed of a scarce skill needed by the Army, and e. Not Regular Army enlisted men who enlisted in the Regular Army after 16 August 1945, or who have elected to remain in the service under other existing authorizations.

2. Discharge of high score men will not be permitted to be delayed by above type discharges.

DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN PRISONERS OF WAR.

1. Prisoners of War or personnel who have been out of United States control in enemy occupied territory under circumstances which are honorable are eligible for separation provided:

a. That the individual was a prisoner of war or out of United States control for a minimum of 60 days.

b. That the individual has completed the rehabilitation program and his physical condition meets discharge requirements. Completion of rehabilitation may be waived in the case of those individuals whose physical condition meets discharge requirements and who request separation prior to completion of the rehabilitation period.

c. That the individual does not indicate in writing his desire to be retained in the military service.

d. That the individual is not a Regular Army enlisted man serving under an unexpired enlistment contracted after 1 June 1945.

e. That separation authorized under this authority will not delay the release of high point eligible men.

- ON CENTERS AND BASES.



- Nar Department Separation Centers process eligible military personnel for release from the Army.
 Separation Bases process for release from the Army mainly those eligible Air Forces personnel who are assigned to duty in the United States.
- and Bases are suitably located in all parts of the country. Adequate facilities for terminal physical examination, processing, classification and counseling are available. Specially selected officers are directing and conducting these procedures. Each soldier discharged receives a record that will protect him in the future. He is given all the data required for his future relationship with the Government, the Veteran's Administration, his employer, etc.

APPROXIMATELY 7,000,000 IN THE ARMY ON V-E DAY WILL BE DISCHARGED BY 1 JULY 1946. XI.

- 1. 1 July 1946 is not a terminal point; it is a date chosen for planning purposes only. The size of the peacetime military establishment will depend upon numerous factors indeterminate at this time.

 2. The rate of discharge for December 1945 was over 1,000,000 and it is contemplated that it will continue as rapidly as possible thereafter.

 3. More than 2,500,000 military personnel were still overseas as of 31 December 1945. Even such unusual means of transportation as Navy men-of-war and tactical aircraft, in addition to the regular means of transportation, are being used to return home from all theaters in ten months an Army that it took forty-eight months to deploy throughout the world. More than 650,000 personnel were returned monthly during the last quarter of 1945.
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 4. It is likely that some soldiers in the United States will be discharged even though they have less points than soldiers who have not yet been returned from overseas in order to keep the Separation Centers completely filled with dischargees. Discharges for various other reasons, such as surplus, age, hardship and dependency will be made in addition to those under the point system. Discharge requirements will be lowered as necessary, to keep the separation pipe lines filled. This will not delay the return of the overseas veterans. They will be returned as promptly as possible in accordance with their scores or length of service factor.

 5. We have a great many soldiers in the United States who are now employed in maintaining the home installations, of which there are about 3,000. A great number of these installations are now operating at full capacity and under heavy pressure in connection with the demobilization procedure, the operation of the ports and the care of the sick. We cannot train men in a day to do many of the more complicated jobs. Engaged in the maintenance of these home installations are many soldiers of limited physical ability who cannot be sent overseas.

WHY PARTICULAR GROUPS ARE NOT BEING DISCHARGED.

- 1. Since the demobilization procedure was announced, the Army has received many requests for preferential discharge consideration for particular groups such as industrial workers of various kinds, professional men, farm workers, limited service men, men who have had their education interrupted by their military service, and many others. All of these groups can present many reasons for their prompt release. The granting of special consideration to such groups, however, would largely nullify the intent of the point and length of service system. The War Department firmly believes that this system is the fairest and the most equitable that could be devised. It has therefore consistently declined to accede to requests for the preferred discharge of members of such groups. To accede to these requests at this stage of the demobilization of the Army would mean that the discharge of an equal number of men who have earned the right to be discharged through long and arduous service would be delayed.

 2. Moreover, soldiers are being returned to civilian life at such a rapid rate that the needs of industry, education, farming and the professions should be met within a short time.

XIII. DATE TROOPS WILLTURN FROM OVERŞEAS.

1. As of 31 December there were approximately, 2,500,000 troops still overseas. A small percentage of this number plus new inductees and recruits will comprise the Armies of Occupation and the minimum required to dispose of surplus Army property. The balance will be returned as rectifies will comprise the Armies of Occupation and the minimum required to dispose of surplus Army property. The balance will be returned as rapidly as possible between now and 1 July 1946.

2. It will take much longer to return the troops from the Pacific than it will those in the Atlantic, due to the great distances involved and the scattered location of our bases throughout the Pacific areas.

ARMIES OF OCCUPATION AND OVERSEAS AND CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES GARRISONS.

1. In order that our personnel requirements may be filled as far as possible on a voluntary basis, we have provided the following procedures:

a. A soldier who volunteers for continued service in the Army of the United States for the duration of the emergency and six months will be retained provided a suitable assignment exists. If the individual is overseas he may volunteer for occupational duty in that theater. If he is returned to the United States, he may volunteer for service limited to this country. In all cases such men will be retained no longer than six months after the proper governmental authority determines the official termination of the present emergency.

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 b. In addition, enlisted men may now volunteer for service in the Regular Army and many inducements are offered to secure in this manner as many volunteers as possible. The most strenuous efforts are being exerted in this direction.

 2. Meanwhile, we are training replacements for the men now overseas, and we are continuously shipping to the European and Pacific Theaters men who are to comprise the overseas forces, thus releasing the veterans with long records of service overseas. The flow of individual replacements must continue in order that our occupation responsibilities be fulfilled. Those who will be sent, in addition to the volunteers, must include:

 a. Physically qualified enlisted men with comparatively short periods of service.
- a. Physic periods of service.
 - b. New inductees.

XV. SOLDIERS WHO WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED OVERSEAS.

- 1. No enlisted woman will be sent overseas except returnees who, prior to departure from a theater, expressed a desire to return thereto for discharge and acceptance of a civilian position in the Occupation Forces. Such a person will have signed an appropriate statement, and her orders will contain a statement to the effect that the return of the individual is desired. (This latter provision also applies to enlisted men.)

 2. No enlisted man unless he is a volunteer, a graduate of the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, or a member of the Regular Army enlisted, after 1 June 1945, will be sent overseas for assignment provided:

 a. He has had 21 months of active service, or
 b. He has 36 points or more on the recomputed score as of 2 September 1945, or
 c. He is 37 years of age or over, or
 d. He is 34, 35, or 36 years of age, and has had 1 year of active duty.

- 3. Enlisted graduates of the Military Intelligence Service Language School will not be sent overseas if they are eligible for separation or if they have had more than 27 months of honorable service since 16 September 1940.
- 4. Enlisted personnel will not be sent overseas on temporary duty if their scheduled date of return to the United States is later than the date on which they will become eligible for separation. Such temporary duty will be for a short period of time and the orders will require the return of the individuals to the United States upon completion of their duty.

Acts, Resolves and Clers passed by Legislature f 1945 affecting Veterans, their families and dependents.

Chapters

- 46 authorizing loans by banking institutions and insurance companies to Veterans of World War II guaranteed by administrator of veteran affairs.
- 73 authorizing cities and towns to borrow on account of public welfare and soldiers! benefits.
- 100 amending military law re dates of filing of certain returns and certificates.
- 103 extending effective period of certain war emergency legislation re civil service.
- 120 re recording notices issued by court on petitions to authorize foreclosure of mortgages in which soldiers and sailors may be interested.
- 140 exempting persons serving in the armed forces of U.S. in time of war who own dogs, and the keepers of such dogs, from payment of certain license fees.
- 160 granting to certain war veteran organizations temporary licenses to sell certain articles for charitable purposes.
- 166 to facilitate voting by absent voters members of armed forces at city and town elections.
- 182 taking of oaths of office by persons elected to public office while in military or naval service of U.S. during existing war.
- 217 re reinstatement of war veterans in teaching positions in public schools.
- 218 providing for furnishing without charge certain copies to be used in further claims of certain veterans against U.S. or the Com!lth.
- 258 exempting certain persons discharged from the military or naval service of the U.S. from payment of a fee for a competency examination to renew a license to operate motor vehicles.
- 311 re commitment to the veterans administration or other agencies of the U.S. Government of certain war veterans for care and treatment.
- 340 prohibiting and penalizing the disclosure by certain city and town departments, boards and commissions of records of information concerning persons now or formerly in the military or naval service, or their dependents who apply for financial aid, guidance or advice.
- 348 authorizing the attendance at funerals or memorial services of war veterans by certain municipal employees without loss of pay.
- 350 granting consent of the Com'lth to the acquisition by the U.S. of certain lands for purposes of Veteran Administration facility in Bedford.

Chapters

- 366 empowering the Commissioner of Veterans Aid and Pensions to authorize the payment as war allowance of hospital and medical bills of dependents of servicemen in cases where such dependents have died.
- 374 to provide for recording of discharge or release papers of soldiers and sailors by local officials in charge of veterans matters.
- 378 re supplemental registration of soldiers and sailors before primaries.
- 382 temporarily extending to certain veterans of World War II the advantages of University Extension Courses free of charge.
- 392 providing for establishment and temporary maintenance in the Department of Agriculture of a farm-aid bureau for the benefit of certain war veterans.
- 405 providing for continuance in force beyond the date of expiration of licenses to operate motor vehicles held by certain persons who are serving or have served in military or naval forces of the U.S.
- 408 enabling War Veterans who are minors to participate in benefits provided by the Federal law known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.
- 411 providing for payments in lieu of vacations, in the case of certain employees of the Commonwealth who have been granted leaves of absence to enter armed forces of U.S. during present war.
- 439 providing that copies of records of deaths of deceased war veterans be sent by the municipalities where they died to the municipalities where they were buried.
- 440 making veterans of World War II eligible in certain cases to take civil service examinations notwithstanding any age requirements.
- 447 re granting vacations to employees who return to service of certain counties, cities or towns after serving in armed forces of U.S. during the present war.
- 493 providing for granting without fee to disabled veterans of World War II of special licenses to act as hawkers or pedlers.
- 507 re providing higher educational opportunities for children of Massachusetts men and women who died in military or naval service of the U.S. during any war or insurrection, or as a result of such service.
- 525 to penalize the unlawful wearing of official military uniforms of the armed forces of the U.S.
- 589 relative to filing of income tax returns and the payment of income taxes by persons serving in the military or naval forces of the U.S. outside the continental U.S.

Chapters

- onnection with the service of public officers and employees in the military or naval forces of the U.S. during the present national emergency.
- 623 to encourage the rehabilitation and employment of injured war veterans.
- formoving certain requirements as to payment of benefits under employment security law to persons upon termination of military or naval service, exempting all benefits under said law from the state income tax law, and providing that no waiting period shall be served nor benefits paid under said law shortly before confinement.
- 627 re exemption of certain war veterans and their surviving spouses from taxation.
- 629 to extend state-aided vocational education during the period of the war and for five years thereafter.
- 633 re state aid, military aid, soldiers; relief and burials of war veterans and their dependents.
- 658 establishing a single contributory retirement law for public employees.
- 660 providing for educational program in the State Teachers Colleges and the Mass. School of Art for veterans of World War II.
- 671 further regulating the creditable service of certain veterans in the public service upon their retirement therefrom.
- 677 relative to the computation of allowances for maintenance included in retirement allowances of certain war veterans in the public service.
- 678 relative to the retirement of certain war veterans in the public service.
- 699 relative to retirement rights and privileges of members of the teachers! Retirement Association who return to school employment after termination of military or naval service.
- 723 authorizing the establishment and maintenance of municipal departments and of districts for furnishing information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II or other veterans.
- 730 establishing in the office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services a veterans' services advisory council and defining its powers and duties, and authorizing the appointment of additional clerical and other assistance in the office of said commissioner.
- 731 relative to a soldiers' bonus.

RESOLVES:

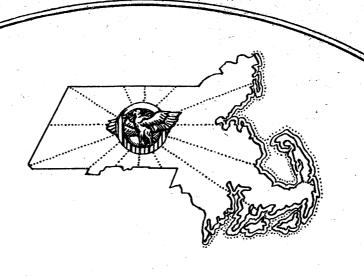
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Chapter 23 Creating a special commission to act in the matter affecting the establishment by the Federal Government of a veterans hospital in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire County. (Extension of time was given to this commission within which to report.)

- 34 providing for investigation by the Judicial Council re creating board to investigate and report re war veterans who are held for criminal trial.
- 57 providing for investigation by the State Board of Housing in relation to the procurement of homes for war veterans.
- 80 providing for further survey and study by an unpaid special commission of the post-war problems of the commonwealth relative to economic and other conditions.

ORDER authorizing the Committee on Ways and Means (among other subjects) to study "citations to veterans of World War II.



PROGRAMS OF VETERANS EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

200 Newbury Street

Boston

JULIUS E. WARREN

COMMISSIONER



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Education

200 Newbury Street, Boston 16

December 15, 1945

The purpose of this Report is to give a comprehensive account of the educational and guidance facilities offered to the returning veteran by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Department of Education.

The programs which have been evolved are the result of long and careful study by His Excellency, the Governor, by the members of the General Court, and by officials of the Department of Education and school officials throughout the State.

These programs indicate how deeply conscious the citizens of our Commonwealth are of their responsibilities to the men and women whose education was interrupted by World War II. The programs as set up are dedicated to the proposition that all Massachusetts service men and women shall be provided with a broad and balanced education leading to occupational success, personal growth, and social usefulness,

Julius E. Warren Commissioner of Education

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Julius E. Warren Commissioner 200 Newbury Street Boston

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A REPORT ON THE PROGRAM OF VETERANS' EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS

The purpose of this report is to give a general overall picture of the educational and guidance facilities offered to returning veterans by the State Department of Education. Also included are the names of the officials of the Department who are responsible for the effective functioning of the various The programs which have been evolved are the result of long and careful study of the needs of the veteran. As early as 1944 the Department of Education held three conferences to discuss the various steps that must be taken in behalf of returning servicemen. In co-operation with the Massachusetts Veterans! Rehabilitation and Re-employment Committee, the Department conducted a series of conferences on "Employment of World War II Veterans in Greater Boston." It further co-operated with the Committee on Veterans! Rehabilitation and Re-employment by planning, organizing, and conducting a training institute which was arranged to give proper training to personnel so that they might be in a position to advise and assist veterans in the solution of the many problems inherent in their return to civilian life. In May, 1944, the representatives of the Departments of Education in the New England and Middle Atlantic States met in Boston to discuss the adjustment of educational needs confronting the returning veterans. These conferences all have focussed attention upon the seriousness of the problem and from them have come the various programs as now organized within the Department.

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Frederick Onthank, Supervisor in Education, Assigned to Veterans' Counseling Room 14.

The purpose of this service is to advise veterans in the making of their educational and occupational plans. Application may be made by correspondence,

telephone - KENmore 4670, or by conference, and the service is free to all veterans.

THE BOARD OF COLLEGIATE AUTHORITY - Professor Frederick G. Nichels,
Agent for the Board - Room 28.

The duty of this Board is to supervise and organize the approval of schools, colleges, hospitals, business concerns, and other training agencies in Massachusetts that desire to accept veterans as students under the provision of Public Law 346 as approved by the 78th Congress.

INSTITUTIONAL APPROVALS - The following plan was set up for dealing with applications of educational institutions: First, standards that must be substantially met by applicants for approval were adopted. These include the following: (1) permanent organization: (2) sound administration as to its business officers, educational program, teaching and student personnel; (3) good financial standing; (4) adequate and appropriate plant and equipment; (5) definite and clearly stated objectives of training; (6) clearly outlined and honestly named programs of training, not merely a listing of courses; (7) well-planned schedule of instruction; (8) appropriate entrance requirements; (9) provision for necessary guidance; (10) definite and satisfactory graduation requirements; (11) clearly stated charges; (12) honest methods of attracting students; (13) well-erganized placement service (if a vocational school); (14) a sufficient number and variety of competent instructors whose teaching load is not excessive; (15) sound policy in the matter of teachers' salaries; (16) professional contacts through membership in appropriate associations; (17) adequate and appropriate library and laboratory (if needed) facilities; and (18) good public relations.

A copy of these standards is sent to each applicant.

Upon receipt of an application, the data given are carefully studied. References given include banks for financial standing, graduates, and employers of graduates for information as to quality of the education or training given. Ordinarily an inspection of the school follows, but this may be dispensed with

if information otherwise obtained is entirely satisfactory.

Regular members of the staff of the State Department of Education are used for this inspection work.

In dealing with applications, the Board expects that each institution will have met at least minimum requirements of an accrediting agency in its field if there is one. Such accreditation is taken into account but is not necessarily the determining factor in reaching a final decision in any case.

When all data are received, specified programs of the institution are approved if proper standards are substantially met. The applicant and the Veterans!

Administration are so notified.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING APPROVALS - Under Public Law 346 (further education and training of veterans) the veteran may elect to get his vocational training on the job, but on-the-job or in-service training programs must first be approved by the Board of Collegiate Authority, except formal apprenticeship programs set up under State Law 707 which must be approved by the Division of Apprentice Training of the State Department of Labor and Industries.

The procedure is somewhat like that adopted for institutional cases.

The employer applies for approval of his training program on a blank furnished for that purpose. Upon receipt of this application, a representative of the Board inspects the employer's training facilities and assists in setting up a definite program of training consisting of a series of job experiences through which essential occupational knowledge and skill are to be acquired.

When a satisfactory training program has been set up and the Board is satisfied that adequate facilities and competent personnel are available to handle it, approval for it is given and the Veterans! Administration and applicant are so notified.

It should be noted that it is the specific program of training which is the basis of approval. Ordinarily the length of the program and the number of trainees that may be accepted for it are specified in the approval given for it. Every possible effort is made to maintain a clear distinction between "employment" and "training" to the end that approval is not given for the former under a law which clearly intends the latter.

In this important work the staff of the Vocational Division of the Department of Education with the assistance of Directors and instructors in the State-aided Vocational Schools has carried the chief responsibility for processing applications for approval of in-service training programs. When all the facts are in, the Director of this Division recommends approval or disapproval. Ordinarily this recommendation is the basis of the Board's action, but occasionally further investigation is necessary before final action can be reached.

It should be noted that the approval given for both institutional and on-the-job programs of training is no guarantee that they are appropriate for any particular veteran. This is a function of the institution or business whose program has been approved under Public Law 346.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR VETERANS - Vocational Division in Co-operation with Board of Collegiate Authority - M. Norcross Stratton, Director - Room 26;

Daniel H. Shay, Assistant Director, In Charge of Veterans' Training, Vocational Division - Room 24; Robert F. Nolan, Supervisor of Survey and Placement, In-Service and Apprentice Training - Room 24; John F. Wostrel, Supervisor of Private Trade Schools, In-Service Training - Room 24; Leslie J. Nutting, Assistant Supervisor of Industrial Education, In-Service Training - Room 24; J. Edward Sharkey, Supervisor in Education, In-Service Training - Room 24; Porter Perkins, Supervisor in Education, In-Service Training - Room 24;

The Massachusetts Board of Collegiate Authority has been designated as the agency responsible for the approval of in-service or on-the-jeb programs of training for veterans (except apprenticeship) under Public Law 346. The staffs of the Vocational Division of the Department of Education and of local Vocational Schools are co-operating with the Board of Collegiate Authority and have carried almost full responsibility for investigating and recommending programs for the

Board's approval. In most cases assistance in the development of an approvable program has to be given and the staff of the Vocational Division has devoted a great deal of time to this important work. (See pp. 3 and 4)

MASSACHUSETTS STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
E. Everett Clark. Chairman of the Policies Committee - Room 37.

After a long and careful study, a plan for awarding State High School Equivalency Certificates to those whose education had been interrupted was evolved and adopted by the Massachusetts State High School Certificate Committee in October, 1944.

The program is administered by a Policies Committee of five, composed of:

E. Everett Clark, Chairman Director, Massachusetts Division of University Extension

Raymond A. Green Principal, Newton High School

Richard M. Gummere Dean, Harvard University, Cambridge

Fred E. Pitkin Superintendent of Schools, North Andover

Julius E. Warren
Massachusetts Commissioner of Education

This Committee wishes to consider itself first and foremost as an advisory body. It does not intend at any time to infringe upon local responsibilities. It recognizes the sentimental and other values of the local high school diploma. It realizes, however, that there are, and will be, many cases which cannot be handled locally, and that only through the State High School Equivalency Plan will certain veterans and others be able to obtain a certificate which recognizes the attainment of scholastic achievement which is the equivalent of a high school education. Believing that the veteran does not want a "cheap" diploma, the Policies Committee intends that its standards shall be such that if a State Certificate is granted, it will mean as much as and be the equivalent of a high school diploma.

In cases where it is not feasible or possible to grant the High School Diploma, it is expected that candidates will be referred, and they are being referred, to the Policies Committee.

When an application for the State Certificate is received, the Policies Committee evaluates the school record, as provided in a transcript furnished by the Principal. With the help of the American Council on Education Guide and on the basis of information from any other reputable sources, the Committee evaluates and accredits any education or training or experience, military or other, for which documentary evidence is presented. Two units are awarded for basic training.

If it appears that the candidate has not completed the equivalent of a high school education, the Committee suggests the taking of the General Educational Development Tests for purposes of placement. The scores on these tests and the above-mentioned credits are then considered together, and the Policies Committee recommends the taking of certain courses on the high school level for validation of the GED Tests and for completion of a high school program.

The Committee may also require validation of a virtually completed high school education through courses taken in school, in service, and otherwise, by submission of the candidate to the GED Tests.

With satisfactory completion of the requirements which have been set up by the Policies Committee, the State High School Equivalency Certificate is awarded.

REGIONAL VETERANS' EDUCATION CENTERS - Patrick J. Sullivan, Director - Room 28; Anson B. Handy, State Co-ordinator - Room 14. Regional Co-ordinators - the Presidents of the Massachusetts State Teachers' Colleges and the Massachusetts School of Art.

At the request of His Excellency, the Governor, and the Commissioner of Education, the General Court in the closing hours of its 1945 session authorized and directed the Department of Education to inaugurate an educational program for veterans of World War II under the auspices of the State Teachers! Colleges and

the Massachusetts School of Art, the program to include such subjects as are deemed expedient in the training of veterans in the broad fields of arts, science, and industry.

The training authorized under this legislation is available without charge to any Massachusetts person who served in the military and naval service of the United States during World War II and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

The Regional Veterans' Education Centers were established primarily to provide properly for the continuance of the interrupted education of returning veterans, the majority of whom have matured beyond their years through their experiences and who will probably find the environment and opportunity of regional schools better adapted to their needs than can be found in their local high schools.

The curriculum is designed to meet four main needs classified as follows:

- To meet the requirements for a local high school diploma, or, if this is not practical or possible, the State High School Equivalency Certificate. (Previous high school attendance is not a prerequisite.)
- 2. To prepare veterans to meet college entrance requirements.
- 3. To further early collegiate education.
- 4. To give further training in special fields not necessarily leading to a diploma.

The Regional Veterans! Education Centers are administered through the State Teachers! Colleges and the Massachusetts School of Art and the Presidents of these institutions or their designated representatives act as co-ordinators in the areas assigned to them. The areas and their co-ordinators are as follows:

John J. Kelly Bridgewater William J. Sanders Fitchburg Martin F. O'Connor Framingham James Dugan Lowell Grover C. Bowman North Adams Edward A. Sullivan Salem Edward J. Scanlon Westfield Clinton E. Carpenter Worcester Gordon L. Reynolds Massachusetts School of Art and at the following additional locations: New Bedford, Fall River, Norwood, Gardner, Lawrence, Pittsfield, Springfield, Somerville, and Holyoke. Other centers are being planned or contemplated at Attleboro, Brockton, Wakefield, Ware, Taunton, Orleans, Arlington, Quincy, and Vineyard Haven.

The instructors are qualified members of the college faculties when available. Otherwise, they are teachers selected by the Presidents of the State Teachers! Colleges or the Massachusetts School of Art on recommendation of local superintendents of schools and appointed by the Commissioner of Education.

The plan of instruction organized around correspondence or self-teaching courses is somewhat unique in that provision is made for group or tutorial instruction as the need arises and for the acceleration of the veteran at his own pace. The program is flexible enough so that an instructor may have one veteran or several in the same subject, or possibly different subjects, advancing at the same or at different rates. Under the direction of the instructor, the number of assignments or the length of the assignments in the courses may be decreased if the instructor is satisfied that the veteran can profitably progress at a faster rate. In other words, the instruction and the required work are adapted to the situation in each case.

The class sessions are two hours long and are usually held in the late afternoon or evening, although full day sessions are arranged when needed.

Veterans may enroll at any time excepting at the State Teachers! College at Worcester where registration is conducted monthly.

FREE INSTRUCTION FOR VETERANS THROUGH THE DIVISION OF UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION - E. Everett Clark, Director - Room 37; John P. McGrail, Supervisor in

Education, Assigned to Veterans' Education (University Extension) - Room 33;

Ellen Fitzpatrick, Supervisor in Education, Assigned to State High School

Equivalency Certificate Program - Room 31; Otto Kiessling, Supervisor in Education,

Assigned to Correspondence Instruction for Veterans (University Extension)
Instructors' Room.

The Division of University Extension is prepared to give the Veteran peace-time training. Programs of study have been designed which will enable the veteran to study for a definite objective. He may take these courses by class or correspondence, and through State and Federal legislation these courses are available without charge for tuition.

1. The veteran may work for a two-year diploma in:

Liberal Arts
Business Administration
Chemical Science
Electrical Science
Mechanical Science

- 2. The veteran may complete his high school education.
- 3. The veteran may take specialized courses in Civil Service preparation, and in various occupational fields to train for particular jobs, or he may take courses to satisfy cultural or hobby interests for self-development.

There are three ways by which the veteran may take advantage of these opportunities:

- 1. Effective August 31, 1945, by provision of Chapter 382 of the Acts of 1945, any veteran of World War II, who was a resident of Massachusetts for not less than one year prior to his entrance into the Service, and who served at least 60 days (having a discharge other than dishonorable), may take University Extension class or correspondence courses without charge for a period of four years from the date of his discharge. The cost of textbooks and laboratory fees, if any, must be borne by the veteran.
- 2. Any <u>disabled</u> veteran of World War I or World War II who is a resident of Massachusetts at the present time may take University Extension class or correspondence courses without charge. There is no time limitation on this opportunity. The cost of textbooks and laboratory fees, if any, must be borne by the veteran.
- 3. Any veteran of World War II may enroll in University Extension class courses under the provisions of Public Law 346 (the so-called G. I. Education Bill), and the cost of his tuition, textbooks, and laboratory fees, and in certain

cases his subsistence, will be paid by the Veterans' Administration.

THE VOCATIONAL DIVISION PROGRAM FOR VETERANS! TRAINING - M. Norcross

Stratton, Director - Room 26; Daniel H. Shay, Assistant Director - Room 24;

Robert F. Nolan, Supervisor of Survey and Placement - Room 24; Caroline H. Wilson,

Assistant Supervisor, Girls! Trade and Household Arts Schools - Room 24; John G.

Glavin, Supervisor of Agricultural Education - Room 24.

- I. A directory of vocational schools has been published. This bulletin is printed especially for the information of veterans as a guide to trade and occupational training in State-aided vocational schools. Technical courses and other trades will be added if demand develops.
 - II. Vocational courses for groups of veterans.
 - 1. Agricultural.
 - A. Policy and plan for services: special courses for separate veteran groups or individuals are conducted at county agricultural schools and in high school departments.
 - B. On-the-job training with school attendance as needed is arranged. This means that the man works on his own farm or as an employee with "on-the-job" training brought to him by the school. Anticipated need for large group training will be carried on in county schools.
 - 2. Distributive Occupations.
 - A. Policy and plan for service: conference courses for separate groups of veterans who want to establish small business enterprises. These conferences explore the difficulties to be faced in establishing a small business and present principles of action to avoid or overcome the difficulties. Such courses are organized in response to a demand in centers throughout the State.
 - 3. Trade and Industry.
 - A. Policy and plan for service: regulations and organization factors are kept flexible to meet any trade education needs developing among the veterans. Day and evening courses are available. Groups of veterans will be served in separate units whenever a sufficient number make such a program feasible. Courses are open to both men and women.

III. Teacher Training.

Veterans meeting the trade experience qualification and the educational qualification of secondary school graduation may be admitted to the

vocational teacher-training classes. This teacher-training is necessary to complete all requirements for placement as instructors in State-aided trade schools. Five veterans completed the vocational teacher-training course conducted by the Vocational Division in July, 1945. Three have already been placed as teachers in Massachusetts vocational schools.

IV. Guidance and Counseling.

To advise veterans in consideration of occupational objectives and securing training for the same. This service is free to all veterans by interview, correspondence, or telephone in the Vocational Division.

V. Private Trade Schools.

A supervisor in the Vocational Division is responsible for licensing and general approval of private trade schools. This makes it possible for more intelligent appraisal of such schools as a source of training for individual veterans.

VETERANS ENROLLED IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS

OFFERED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AS OF DECEMBER 15, 1945

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•		October	397
•		November	716
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Ŋ	Number of Veterans Given Counsel		1,500
Ŋ	Number of Veterans Taking Industrial and Civil Service	Training	918
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JOSEPH H. LEWIS

ATTORNEY AT LAW 100 CONCORD ST. FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

January 10, 1946

Hamilton Armstrong, Clerk Board of Selectmen Southborough, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find bill due Dr. Annunziata in the case of Robert Flint, which you requested. He has forwarded me bills in the sum of \$9.00 and \$15.00 which I also enclose for hospitalization in the Framingham Community Hospital.

JL:e Enc. Very truly yours

January 7, 1946

Joseph H. Lewis, Esq. 100 Concord Street Framingham, Mass.

Re: Dr. J. F. Annunziate
Robert Flint

Dear Sir:

Kindly forward an itemized bill from Dr. Annunziata in the above case, so that the matter may be given further attention.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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December 26, 1945

Mr. Merle W. Bogert Main Street Southborough, Mass.

Dear Mr. Bogert:

We enclose a copy of a letter sent you on November 14, 1945, which is self-explanatory.

Kindly give this matter your early attention.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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A. R. P. NOTICE IMPORTANT!

November 14, 1945

Mr. Merle W. Bogert Main Street Southborough. Mass.

Dear Mr. Bogert:

Mr. James E. Giffin has been appointed Soldiers' Relief Agent and Burial Agent.

Would you please arrange to turn over all papers in connection with the Soldiers' Relief Department to Mr. Giffin, so that he may continue with the work.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTION

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State House, Boston 33

HR 3749 Amending Servicemen's Readjustment Act

While it has passed the House and Senate IT WILL NOT BE LAW UNTIL IT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN.

The important points are

It grants permanent authority to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to procure space necessary for administrative, clinical, medical and out-patient purposes.

Provision is made to insure authority in the procurement of prosthetic appliances and all services in connection therewith.

Authorization to furnish space and other assistance for the use of paid, full-time representatives of organizations referred to in section 200, Public 844, 74th Congress.

The authority to review discharges is amplified to clarify that review boards may review findings and decisions of medical survey and disposition boards.

The time is extended to four years after discharge or the termination of the war, whichever is later, to begin a course of education or training and extends the time to nine years after the end of the war within which the course may be pursued.

The age limitation is removed so that no longer is there any bar to educational benefits for one over twenty-five years of age.

- Short intensive courses are permitted. These may be more expensive pro-rata but the cost of the course cannot exceed \$500.

Provision is made for correspondence courses without subsistence allowance. One fourth of the elapsed time is charged against the veteran's period of eligibility. Course cannot exceed \$500.

Payment of fees may be made to schools or colleges supported by municipal or state funds.

Subsistence allowance is increased for veterans without dependents to \$65. and those with dependents to \$90.

A veteran may take courses under both Part VII (vocational training) and Part VIII (education "G.I. Bill") but the time of the combined courses cannot exceed the period of greater eligibility.

If the veteran wishes to have the customary educational fees paid, at any institution of learning, in excess of \$500., there shall be charged against his period of eligibility the proportion of an ordinary school year which such excess bears to \$500.

Authorizes return of books or equipment to schools or colleges without regard to the Surplus Property Act.

Courses under the vocational training act may be longer than four years. Vocational training may be furnished until nine years after the end of the war.

Rates of vocational training pay are to be determined by adding the subsistence rates of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act to the pension paid the veteran with the specification that no veteran without dependents will receive less than \$105. per month; \$115. for a married man and \$10. per month additional for a child, \$7. for each additional child and \$15. for a dependent parent.

Loans may be made within ten years after the end of the war.

It provides that a real estate loan will be automatically guaranteed by virtue of the prescribed lender and the veteran having consummated a loan in full compliance with the specific provisions of the title where the reasonable value of the property being determined by an appraiser designated by the Administrator of Veterans! Affairs. The maximum amount of the guaranty on real estate loans has been increased to \$4000.

The period of authorization has been extended to twenty-five years.

The payment, by the Veterans Administration, of the equivalent of the first year's interest on the guaranteed portion of the loan has been inserted.

The law has been clarified to have the purchase of a lot included in a real estate loan.

Business loans are for a period of ten years and may be used to buy land, building or alterations of realty, supplies, tools, equipment, inventory and stock in trade.

Farm loans are to be authorized for forty years and can be made for every ordinary farming purpose; to purchase land, buildings, livestock, machinery and supplies. Guaranty on farm loans is increased to \$4000.

The veteran is eligible to a proportionate amount of the guaranty of real estate and non-real estate loans. In other words, if he uses only a part of the guaranty on a real estate loan he is eligible to the unused part of the guaranty for the purpose of obtaining a non-real estate loan.

Makes explicit the authority and responsibility of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs with respect to suits, payments of claims and compromises property administration.

Adds a plan authorizing the Administrator of Veterans to insure loans up to 15% direct to supervised lending agencies where the loans are purchased direct from the lending agencies. Further authorizes the Administrator to prescribe regulations, terms and conditions and to establish the interest rate not to exceed 3% discount or a flat equivalent rate on such transactions.

Restrictions of Federal laws are removed as to certain institutions, who are subject to Federal supervision, to negotiate loans under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act.

Lenders not of the specified classes may make loans only in the event the loan is approved in advance by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

The provisions pertaining to secondary loans are modified and the provision that the rate of interest on the second loan shall not exceed that on the principal loan by more than one per cent is omitted.

Contractual rights under loan guaranties issued under the original act are protected and the approval of applications filed at any time within ninety days after the effective date of this legislation is authorized in order to permit the processing of loans pending the issuance of necessary instructions.

Section 1505 relating to deductions from any future adjusted compensation is repealed.

It extends to persons who served in the active military or naval service of Allied governments and who were citizens of the United States at the time of entrance into such service, the benefits of Public 346, 78th Congress and Public 16, 78th Congress to the same extent as if they served in the forces of the United States. Such persons must be residents of the United States at time of making application and not receiving similar benefits from the Allied nation concerned.

The benefits of education and Vocational Training (without subsistence payments) and guaranty on loans are extended to persons on terminal leave or while hospitalized pending final discharge. This section is made effective as of June 22, 1944.

Your attention is also called to Public Law 190, 79th Congress:

Sec. 11. (a) Part VIII of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a) (added thereto by title 11 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944) is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new paragraph reading as follows:

"12. For the purposes of this part, the present war shall not be considered as terminating, in the case of any individual, before the termination of such individual's first

period of enlistment or reenlistment contracted within one year after the date of the enactment of the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945."

(b) Section 500 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new subsection reading as follows:

"(d) For the purposes of this title, the present war shall not be considered as terminating, in the case of any individual, before the termination of such individual's first period of enlistment or reenlistment contracted within one year after the date of the enactment of the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945."

(c) Section 700 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new subsection reading as follows:

"(c) For the purposes of this title, neither the present war nor hostilities therein shall be considered as terminating, in the case of any individual, before the termination of such individual's first period of enlistment or reenlistment contracted within one year after the date of the enactment of the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945."

Francis X. Cotter,

Commissioner

December 27, 1945





StateHouse,Boston 33

November 15, 1945

Board of Selectmen

Dear Sirs:

The Honorable Maurice J. Tobin, Governor of the Commonwealth, has received the attached communication from The Secretary of the Navy.

We are forwarding for your information and guidance a copy of the communication and Notice of Separation, which contains the latest discharge procedure of men who served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Additional copies may be obtained at this office on request.

Very truly yours,

Francis X. Cotter

Commissioner

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY Washington

October 24, 1945

Hon. Maurice J. Tobin Governor of Massachusetts Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Governor Tobin:

Certain instances have been called to my attention recently whereby officials in various state agencies administering the veterans' rights and benefits provision of state laws and related matters are not familiar with and are not recognizing the Notice of Separation (Form NavPers 553) as an official Navy document.

To clarify the situation and to facilitate veterans' use of this form, I am taking this opportunity to define and explain the nature and meaning of the Notice of Separation so that this information may be passed on to the agencies under your jurisdiction. It is believed that such activities as the Social Security Agency, Veterans Bureau, Civil Service Commission, Employment Agency, and Unemployment Compensation Bureau would benefit by this information.

The Notice of Separation (Form NavPers 553), a specimen copy of which is enclosed for your guidance, is issued to all officer and enlisted personnel on the date such personnel are separated, discharged, retired or released from the Navy. One of the primary purposes of the Notice of Separation is to provide separated personnel and the various State and Federal governmental agencies with a record of a veteran's service as an aid to civilian employment. It is the intention of the Navy Department to furnish all possible assistance to its former personnel, and for that reason, no information which might possibly embarrass or cause the veteran any difficulties is incorporated in this form.

As is well known, the Navy also issues to its discharges a discharge certificate depending upon the nature and type of discharge. The Department formerly used a discharge certificate which had detailed information on the reverse side. Under the new discharge procedure, information formerly placed on the reverse of the discharge certificate is now included in the data recorded on the Notice of Separation.

Accordingly, a Navy discharge certificate together with a completed Notice of Separation form constitute official notice of the separation of a serviceman from the Navy. It is the intention of the Navy Department that the Notice of Separation be universally accepted as an official Navy document.

Your cooperation in making this information available to the appropriate agencies in Massachusetts will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) JAMES FORRESTAL

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Commonwealth of Massac setts Commissioner of V. Frans' Services To Soldiers' Relief Commissioner Southboro

Applicant's name Ada P. Raylor

Relation to mother Veteran's Arthur R. Jr. Veteran name

We are awaiting the following evidence, and action will not be taken until it is received in this office: COPIES: Service and birth record of soldier also copy of marriage record of parents.

Francis X. Cotter, Commissioner By FED

December 17, 1945

Francis X. Cotter Commissioner of Veterans' Services State House Boston 33. Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Ada P. Taylor

In response to your notice of Movember 22, 1945, I enclose a copy of the birth record of Arthur R. Taylor, Jr., together with a copy of the marriage certificate of his parents. As this man is still in the service, no service record is enclosed.

Yours truly.

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Clerk, Board of Selectmen.

A. R. P. NOTICE MPORTANT!

November 14, 1945

Mr. Merle W. Bogert Main Street Southborough, Mass.

Dear Mr. Bogert:

Mr. James E. Giffin has been appointed Soldiers' Relief Agent and Burial Agent.

Would you please arrange to turn over all papers in connection with the Soldiers' Relief Department to Mr. Giffin, so that he may continue with the work.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clerk

A. R. P. NOTICE SIMPORTANT!

September 4, 1945.

Mr. Merle Bogert, Southborough, Massachusetts

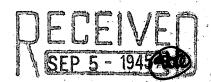
Dear Merle:

You have not been appointed to the position of Administrator of State Military Aid as we have been waiting for you to appear before the Selectmen.

Will you please try to do so at our next meeting, Friday, September 7th. It is very necessary that you appear at that time, as we have some important and pressing matters to take up with you.

Yours sincerely,

GHB:R



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Mr. Merle W. Bogert Soldier's Relief Agent Southborough, Mass.

Dear Mr. Bogert:

If convenient with you, the Selectmen would like to have you appear at their next regular meeting, Friday, May 18, 1945, at 8:30 P. M.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clerk.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

To: Home Service Workers

Date:

October 20, 1945

State of Massachusetts

Director, Area Home Service

Subject:

Massachusetts Veterans

Information Centers

The attached material has been sent to your chapter chairman. You realize that it is permissive for local communities to set up these "unpaid advisory boards." I should like to suggest that you discuss with your chapter officials this release so that, if "unpaid advisory boards" are being organized, the Red Cross will endeavor to participate and secure representation on the boards.

(MRS.) LOUISE N. MUMM Director, Home Service

Attachments

From:

NORTH ATLANTIC AREA 300 FOURTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y.

To:

Chapter Chairmen

Massachusetts

Date:

October 19, 1945

From:

Regional Director

Subject:

Massachusetts Veterans

Information Center

We wish to bring to your attention recent legislation affecting state and local set-ups for Veterans Information Centers in the State of Massachusetts. The commission, appointed by the former Governor, has been disbanded; and a Veterans Service Advisory Committee, consisting of state officials, Department Commanders of the Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Spanish War Veterans, has been appointed to assist Mr. Francis X. Cotter, commissioner of Veterans Aid and Pensions.

We are attaching a copy of a directive, effective October 24, regarding the organization of local "unpaid advisory boards" to be appointed in cities by the Mayor, in towns by the Board of Selectmen and in districts by the District Board. Red Cross is not mentioned in this directive.

May we suggest that immediate contact be made with the local officials responsible for the organization of this "unpaid advisory board" in order that Red Cross may secure representation. We have a definite obligation to veterans and their families who have need for Home Service counseling as well as a need for claims, loans, vocational guidance, educational opportunities, and jobs.

Please keep me informed of the success of your efforts in securing

this representation.

John S. Cole

Regional Director

Attachment

Copy to Chapter Contact
Home Service Workers

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Office of Commissioner of Veterans Aid and Pensions

State House, Boston 33

Chapter 723, Section 5, Acts of 1945

"In each department of veterans' services, and in each district established under section two, there shall be an unpaid advisory board to be appointed, in cities by the mayor, in towns by the board of selectmen, and in districts by the district board. Such advisory board shall render such assistance to the director of veterans' services of the municipality or district, relative to the provisions of this act, as said director may request. The state commissioner of veterans' services is hereby authorized and directed to formulate and publish, rules and regulations establishing in a general manner the types of persons with respect to their occupations, professions and special skills, who may be appointed to such unpaid advisory boards. Every such advisory board shall consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen residents of the city, town or district, as the case may be."

RULES

In accordance with this authority the following occupations, professions or special skills shall be included on the unpaid advisory boards: - a registered physician; an industrialist; a business man, other than an industrialist; a representative of a veteran organization; a representative of organized labor; a clergyman; a superintendent of any hospital, public or private, where one exists in the municipality or district; a superintendent of schools; a teacher or director of the vocational or trade department of a school system; a person experienced in guidance or counselling; and a member of the public health department.

/s/ Francis X. Cotter

Francis X. Cotter Commissioner

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December 5, 1945

Hamilton Armstrong, Clerk Board of Selectmen Southborough, Mass.

Re: Dr. J. F. Annunziata

Dear Sire

In reply to your letter of November 27, 1945, relative to the above matter, the date of treatment was December 2, 1944, for services rendered to Robert Flint in the sum of \$25.00. I am informed that Mr. Bogart of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Department authorized Dr. Annunziata's services.

Please let me hear from you by return mail.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH H. LEWIS

December 29, 1945

Mr. Fred W. Bridges Town Accountant Southborough, Mass.

Dear Mr. Bridges:

The above is a copy of a letter received from Attorney Lewis of Framingham, and represents all the information I have on this case.

Clerk, Board of Selectmen.

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH H. LEWIS

100 CONCORD ST. FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

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Very truly yours

JL:e

November 27, 1945

Joseph H. Lewis, Esq. 100 Concord Street Framingham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of November 26, 1945, in regard to a bill in the amount of \$25.00 for services said to have been rendered our Soldier's Relief Department by Dr. J. F. Annunziata of Hopkinton.

Kindly indicate what case this bill should be applied to, and the dates of treatment, so that we may give the matter further attention.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clerk.

A. R. P. NOTICE SIMPORTANT!



JOSEPH H. LEWIS

ATTORNEY AT LAW 100 CONCORD ST. FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

November 26 1945

Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Agent Southborough, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Dr. J. F. Annunziata of Hopkinton has consulted me and says that your department owes him \$25.00 for services rendered. Please let me know if payment can be made at this time for the same and what is holding up the payment.

Thank you.

Very truly yours

JL:e



December 29, 1945

Francis X. Cotter Commissioner of Veterans' Services State House Boston 33, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Re: Arthur R. Taylor Jr.

I enclose a bill in the amount of \$85.00 for ambulance service in the above case.

I will forward a copy of the service record as soon as it is forwarded by the Draft Board.

Yours truly,

Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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December 26, 1945

Local Board #72 Town Hall Grafton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Re: Arthur R. Taylor, Jr.

The following is from a letter received from
Francis X. Cotter, Commissioner of Veterans' Services:

"We cannot take action on the above case until we receive
a copy of his service record. This can be obtained at
local Draft Board, enlistment or induction center. Will
you kindly furnish us with a copy so that we may proceed
with the case?"

We would appreciate it if you would furnish us with the necessary/sopy of service record.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clerk.

A. R. P. NOTICE IMPORTANT!

December 20, 1945 Commonwealth of M sachusetts Commissioner () Veterans' Services To Soldiers' Relief Commissioner Southboro Applicant's name Ada P. Taylor Relation to mother Veteran's Arthur R. Ir Veteran name We are awaiting the following evidence, and action will not be taken until it is received in this office: We cannot take action on the above case until we necesive a copy of his service record. This can be obtained at local Draft Board, enlistment or induction center. Will you kindly turnish us with a copy so that we may proceed with the leaser Thank you for your cooperation.

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Francis X. Cotter, Commissioner By FED



OFFICE OF SELECTMEN

WESTBOROUGH

MASS.

December 21. 1945

Mr. Giffin Soldiers' Relief Agent Southborough, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I enclose ambulance bill from Irving W. Harper for Mr. Arthur Taylor.

I was in contact, by telephone, with the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions, in reference to this bill, and he advised me to send it to you, and that you could forward it to Boston, with the application for War Allowance.

If you have already sent this application to Boston, just forward the bill, and 50% may be allowed by the state under War Allowance.

Respectfully,

Board of Selectmen

Clerk for Board

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November 7, 1950

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Board of Selectmen Town Hall Southboro, Mass.

Gentlemen:

It is believed that the enclosed letter, addressed to the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, will be of interest to your honorable board or council. The communication is indicative of the unanimous action taken by Directors of Veterans Services and Veterans Agents in the Northern and Southern Worcester County towns as well as those in the Central Massachusetts District.

A small group of Directors of Veterans Services and Veterans Agents, principally from several of the larger cities of the Common-wealth, have recommended legislative action toward placing entire responsibility for granting benefits to veterans in the hands of the local Directors or Agents. At the same time, this small group, demands that the Commonwealth (Commissioner) obligate itself to defray one-half costs of all benefits granted by the local Directors or Agents.

To place entire responsibility for granting of veteran benefits in the hands of local agents, it is our belief, will lead to political chicanery. It makes possible the opportunity for politically-minded Directors or Agents to grant benefits in generous amounts to "favorites" and to withhold or reduce benefits to veterans who may not be in the favored group.

In addition, it is certain that a free hand in the distribution of veteran benefits funds will lead to granting of benefits not within the established regulations under which the Commonwealth now agrees to refund fifty percent of authorized benefits to cities or towns. Such non-compliance with extant regulations will result in the refusal of the Commonwealth to reimburse cities and towns for any moneys that may have been paid by the cities and towns involved.

It is the contention of your local Director of Veterans Services or your Veterans Agent, that adherence to the present system of granting veterans benefits, that is, with the approval of the Commissioner and in accordance with liberal budgets now established by the Commissioner, is a protection for your taxpayer and your local official charged with granting of these benefits.

Very truly yours,

Ira W. Joubert, President

Central Mass. Veterans Services

Officers Association

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CENTRAL MASS. VETERANS SERVICES OFFICERS ASSOCIATION NORTHERN and SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

October 26, 1950

Hon. Henry V. O'Day, Commissioner Department of Veterans Services State House, Boston, Mass.

My dear Commissioner:

It has been reported to members of the Northern and Southern Worcester County Districts as well as to the members of the Central Massachusetts Veterans Services Officers Association, that a proposal has been made to have all responsibility for granting of Veterans' Benefits, under provisions of Chapter 115 and Chapter 797 General Laws, vested in the individual Directors of Veterans' Services and Veterans Agents.

This is to inform you that the members of the aforementioned groups are not parties to any such proposed change in the present procedure, whereby the final authority for granting these benefits rests with the State Commissioner of Veterans Services.

At a meeting of the three groups mentioned in first paragraph, held in Whitinsville, Mass., the night of October 26th, 1950, it was unanimously voted that the members of these groups be registered as unalterably opposed to the transfer of final approval on disbursement of veteran benefits from the Commissioner of Veterans' Services to the local directors or agents.

Very truly yours,

Tra W. Joubert, President Central Mass. Veterans Services Officers Association

CC to Governor Paul Dever State House, Boston, Mass.

CC to Edmund F. Genereau, Pres.
Mass. Veterans' Services State
Association

Arthur Broadhurst, President Northern & Southern Worcester County Districts



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

19 December 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments from Commonwealth--Report On.

- 1. Under date of 15 December 1950, the Veterans' Agent was informed by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services that the town would be reimbursed, on or about 1 January 1951, in the sum of \$237.52, for veteran benefit payments made during the months of July, August and September of the current year.
- 2. In accordance with notifications previously received, the town should have received as reimbursement for similar benefits paid from 1 January to 1 July 1950, the sum of \$504.22, as the Commonwealth's share of these expenditures.
- By way of information and still subject to later verification by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, it is estimated that reimbursements on similar expenditures, for the months of October, November and December, will be as follows: October \$92.03, November \$96.67, December \$96.45. The expected total reimbursements for these three months are \$285.15.
- 4. Subject to confirmation by the Commissioner of the sums indicated in preceding paragraph, it is estimated that the reimbursements from the Commonwealth, to the town, for all veteran benefit payments in 1950, will be approximately \$1027.

T. H. Burke

cc: Town Treasurer
Town Auditor
Town Collector



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

8 May 1950

From: Veterans' To : Board of	
	enefits Medical and Fuel Bills, 1950Payment Authorized.
	f subject bills, under provisions of as amended, are authorized as follows
	o Drug Co., Prescriptions for family
	Drug Co., Prescription for inton 2.00
	Bros., Fuel delivered to amily 19.96
2. Original b	ills involved have been forwarded to tant.
	J. H. Burke



Town of Southborough

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

26 June 1950

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Ordinary and Medical Benefit Payments, July 1950- -

Authorization for.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, Ordinary Benefit Payments to Veteran Benefit Recipients, for the month of July, are authorized as follows:

 - (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. 40.00 for the month.
- 2. In addition to the foregoing payments, authorization is approved on payment of following bills for medical services in the case of Veteran Benefit $^{\rm R}$ ecipients:

HARRY W. MOORE CASE
To: Dr. Timothy P. Stone, Southboro
April Statement
April 20, office call 3.00
May 5, home visit
To: Southboro Drug Co. Prescriptions, May 2, 9 and 18 \$6.94 6.94 16.94
MRS. EVA B. VINTON CASE
To: Westboro Drug Co., May 27
Prescription \$2.00 2.00
To: Framingham Union Hospital
June 21, X-Ray, Lumbar Spine10.00 " Laboratory

3. In explanation of the "April Statement \$3.00) above mentioned in bill of Dr. Stone for services to Moore family, Dr. Stone had originally submitted a bill in which he had given office visit services on three different occasions to the Moore family. However, he charged for but one visit, listing theothers as "no charge". The Veterans Agent returned the bill asking that Dr. Stone submit his just bill for \$9.00, \$3.00 for each visit. The doctor stated that he would not levy a charge for the two last visits mentioned and resubmitted a new bill, the bill listed above, in which he makes mention only of the one visit against which he previously had listed a fee in April.

Bills INVOIVED HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO TOWN ACCOUNTANT





DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

27 June 1950

From: Veterans Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Medical Benefits, Harriett A. Kaler. . Payment Subj:

Authorized.

l. In addition to the group of ordinary and medical benefit mayments approved for payment under VetAgent Letter dated 26 June 1950, the following payment is authorized in the case of Harriett A. Kaler:

Southboro Drug Co., Southboro

CHOAGE POST NO. 3276 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, U. S. SOUTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS May 9th 1950 Board J. Delactman. Sown & Douthborough. Southborough haas Sauthaman: Custhorization to conduct a conduct a foreby or opping Drive; is hereby vir. U.S. raquatted by Choate for #3216 N.F. W. U.S. during the week anding May 27 th 1950, within the limits of the Lower of Doutseborough. It is understood that no minors will be wad to, do any canvassing. authorization if granted should be directed to chairman Seo. Might, Kighland Road Douthville, who will direct the drive. Respectfully yours Thomas In Carter mor le years; Post. adjutant

Mr. George P. Knight, Highland Road, Southville, Mass.

Dear George:

S ...

By vote of the Selectmen last night, you are hereby authorized to conduct a "Buddy Poppy Drive" during the week ending May 27th in the Town of Southborough on behalf of the Choate Post #3276, V.F.W.

We are advised by Town Counsel that minors above the age of sixteen may be legally used on this drive.

In the above connection, we are advised that the use of children under this age in a recent drive by the American Legion Auxiliary was done entirely through error and will not happen again.

Very truly yours,

Board of Selectmen.

HEH/h

Chairman.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

24 July 1950

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments. . August 1950.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, subject payments for the month of August, 1950, are authorized as follows:

- (a) Harry W. Moore. \$25.00 per week
- (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. \$40.00 for the month.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

4 August 1950

J. H. Burke

	Veterans Agent. Board of Selectmen.
Subj:	Medical Benefit Payments Cases Veteran Benefit Recipients Authorization for.
Laws a	In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General as amended, payment of following bills for medical and/or ription services is authorized:
	(a) Dr. Timothy P. Stone, for medical services case MRS. EVA B. VINTON \$12.00
	(b) Dr. W. J. Cochrane, Westboro, Mass., for similar services, MRS. HARRIETT KALER 6.00
	(c) Dr. Timothy P. Stone, medical services case HARRY W. MOORE 15.00
	(d) Southboro Drug. Co, prescriptions case of Frank Moore
2.	Reference the bills in the Moore Case, it will be noted

P. S. Original bills involved have been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

that the Veterans Agent has deleted the first item in the bills submitted by Dr. Stone and Southboro Drug Co., respectively. The items involved were paid previously under bills

submitted and approved for payment last month.



DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' SERVICES
21 August 1950

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Absence on Vacation.

- 1. The Veterans Agent will be absent on vacation from Monday, August 28th. to Saturday, September 9th., both dates inclusive.
- 2. Arrangements have been made to have the Director of Veterans Services (Ira W. Joubert) in Marlboro handle any current or other cases involving veteran benefits or services during that period. The file packets of all current Southborom cases will be left in custody of the Marlboro official during that period.
- J. In event emergency necessitates contacting the Director of Veterans Services in Marlboro, the telephone number is 602. The office is open daily, except Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.. The office also is open Friday evenings until 9 p.m..
- 4. Southboro veteran benefits recipients now on the rolls have been informed that, should any emergency arise during the absence of the local veterans' agent, they are to contact the aforementioned office at Marlboro.

/ H. Burke

cc: Town Accountant



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

21 August 1950

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for September 1950.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, subject payments of Ordinary Benefits for the month of September 1950 are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harry W. Moore. \$25.00 per week
 - (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. . . . \$40.00 for month.
- 2. Medical services payments in the case of Mrs. Eva B. Vinton, three home calls in July and one call in August, in the total sum of \$14.00, to Dr. Timothy P. Stone, also are approved. Original bill involved has been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

H. Burke

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

8 September 1950

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Increased State Benefit Budget, Case Harry W. Moore--

Report On.

1. To date, the state approved budget relative to veteran ordinary benefits in subject case has been \$88 monthly. Of this authorized sum, the state reimbursed the town one-half, or \$44 monthly. At the same time, the town consistently has paid out \$25 weekly ordinary benefits in this case.

- 2. Under recent date the Veterans Agent requested that the Commissioner increase the state authorized budget to \$95 monthly in this case and thus assure the town receiving a slightly larger reimbursement toward off-setting the over-expenditure made by the town in the Moore case.
- 3. The Commissioner of Veterans Services, under date of 31 August 1950, has informed the Veterans Agent that, beginning 1 October 1950, the state approved budget would be increased to \$95 monthly in the Moore case. This will assure that the town will receive one-half of the authorized \$95 (\$47.50) each month instead of the \$44 heretofore reimbursed by the state in this case.
- 4. No difference in the \$25 weekly actually expended by the town as ordinary benefits in the Moore case will be recommended. It is believed that, under extangt circumstances, this monthly benefit cannot be reduced. However, the town will received a reimbursement monthly, from the state, \$3.50 in excess of that heretofore paid.

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

_ DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

7 October 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subject: Additional Billing for Medical Benefits, Cases Harry W. Moore and Mrs. Harriett Kaler--Payment Authorized.

- 1. Shortly after mailing a \$5.09 bill in the Moore Case and a \$3.00 bill in the Kaler Case yesterday afternoon, the Veterans' Agent received additional billing for medical services in these same cases.
- 2. Additional payment of medical benefits, as per bills forwarded to the Town Accountant, are authorized in the subject cases as follows:

3. The Veterans' Agent apologizes for submission of two consecutive bills on these cases is so brief a period of time. However, it is desired that these bills be cleared during the current month.

J. H. Burke

cc: Town Accountant
Above Case Files

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF
WETERANS' SERVICES

6 October 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment Medical Service Bills, Cases Harry W. Moore and Harriett Kaler- - Approval for.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, payment of following bills is authorized:

- (a) HARRY W. MOORE CASE
 Southboro Drug. Co.(prescriptions). . . \$5.09
- 2. Copies of bills involved are enclosed.

Љ. H. Burke

cc: Town Accountant File

- (Bills Forwarded to Town Accountant)



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

26 September 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefits for Month of October 1950.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, following subject-type payments for the month of October are authorized:

(a) Harry W. Moore

Ordinary Benefits. \$25.00 weekly Fuel Allowance 20.00 for month

(b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton

Ordinary Benefits. \$40.00 for month Fuel Allowance. 10.00 " "



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

25 October 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for November 1950.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, payment of subject benefits is authorized as follows:

HARRY W. MOORE CASE

MRS. EVA B. VINTON CASE

Ordinary Benefits for November. . . \$40.00 for month Fuel Allowance. 10.00 " "

- 2. In addition to the above payments, payment to Dr. Timothy P. Stone, Main St., Southboro, in the sum of \$9.00, this for medical services rendered in the case of Mrs. Harriste A. Miler, also is authorized.
- 3. Copy of the bill submitted by Dr. Stone has been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

J. H. Burke

cc: Town Accountant Kaler File



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

31 May 1950

From: Veterans Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Medical Benefit Payments Cases Veteran Benefit

Recipients. . . Authorization For.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, authorization is hereby forwarded for the payment of subject bills as follows:

CASE HARRIETT A. KALER

CASE HARRY W. MOORE

April 6, Prescription for Wallace
Moore, Westboro Drug Co.,
13 South St., Westboro, Mass. . . . 1.25

CASE MRS. EVA B. VINTON

2. Bills submitted in subject cases have been forwarded to the Town Accountant.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

31 May 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Entertainment Central Massachusetts Service Officers Association. .Expenses Involved.

1. The Veterans' Agent incurred expenses listed below in connection with refreshments served on the occasion of the meeting of subject organization, at the Town Hall, the night of May 18, 1950:

2. The material listed above was ordered and paid for by the Veterans' Agent from his personal funds. Reimbursement in the sum of \$14.52 is requested.



Town of Southborough

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

29 April 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for May 1950.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, Veteran Benefits payments for May of 1950 are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harry W. Moore, Ordinary Benefits. .\$25.00 per week (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton, " . . . \$40.00 for month
- 2. No fuel allowances are to be authorized inasmuch as such allowances terminate on April 30.

H. Burke



Town of Southborough

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

31 March 1950

From:	Veterans '	Agent.
To:	Board of	Selectmen.

Subj: Medical Benefit Payments Dependents Veteran Benefit Recipients. .Authorization for.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, payment of subject benefits, original bills on which have been forwarded to the Town Accountant, is authorized:

 - (b) Westboro Drug Co., Westboro, Mass. (Prescription Wallace Moore). . . . 1.25
 - (c) Westboro Drug Co., Westboro, Mass. (Prescription Eva B. Vinton). . . . 2.00

H. Burke



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

28 March 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for April 1950.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, subject payments for April 1950, are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harry W. Moore, Ordinary Benefits). . . .\$25.00 week(b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton (" "). . . . 40.00 month
- 2. Fuel allowances for the same month are authorized as follows:

to exceed \$20 for month.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

11 April 1950

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Fuel Allowance, Harry W. Moore. . Payment Authorized.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, G.L., as amended, payment in the sum of \$19.88 for fuel delivered to subject veteran benefit recipient, during month of March, by Falconi Brothers, is authorized.

2. Original bill involved has been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

H. Burke



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

February 4, 1950

From: Veterans Agent.

To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for February 1950.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, subject payments for February 1950 are authorized as follows:

- (a) HARRY W. MOORE, Ord. Benefits \$25.00 week (b) MRS. EVA B. VINTON, Ord. Benefits . . . \$40.00 month
- 2. Fuel Allowance Payments are authorized for February as follows:

(b) HARRY W. MOORE, as submitted but not to exceed \$20.00 for month.

3. In addition to the above, payment is authorized on bill submitted by Falconi Bros., in sum of \$19.93, for fuel furnished Harry W. Moore during the month of January 1950. Original bill on this service has been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

BAGLEY-FAY POST, 161 THE AMERICAN LEGION

January 20, 1949

The Chairman Board of Selectmen Southboro, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, it is requested that the following article be inserted in the warrant for the annual town meeting to be held in March, 1949:

"To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to defray expenses of the observance of Membrial Day, May 30th., 1949, under auspices of the Bagley-Fay Post, The American Legion, or do or act thereon."

This article is identical with that sponsored by the American Legion Post last year with exception of the designated name of the post, now officially designated as Bagley-Fay Post, 161, The American Legion.

> Very truly yours, Edward F. Clark, Comdr. Bagley-Fay Post, A. L.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

5 February 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Reconsideration Case Francis W. Seeley (WW II), South

Berlin, Application for Veterans Benefits.

- 1. Under date of 1 February 1949, the Veterans Agent forwarded Board of Selectmen a copy of letter written to subject applicant for Veterans Bensfits. The application for benefits was denied at that time inasmuch as it was evident applicant had not availed himself of employment possibilities in the past and also had failed to furnish statement from a physician that his present condition was such that he was unable to follow gainful employment.
- 2. On 3 February 1949, Veterans Agent received a letter from Dr. William J. Delaney of Marlboro, a most reputable physician, stating that the applicant had appeared before him and was found to be suffering from arthritis of the spine and both knees. The physician further stated that the applicant would be unable to work for at least four to 5 weeks.
- 3. This date the Veterans Agent contacted former employer of the applicant and was informed that Seeley had reported for work last Monday morning, January 31st., but could stick on the job only three hours. The employer, C. L. Risi of South Berlin, stated that the man definitely was ill.
- 4. In view of the foregoing, it now is authorized that the applicant, Francis W. Seeley, South St., South Berlin, Mass., be paid the sum of \$77.00 for the month of February and also be paid fuel allowance in sum of \$18.00. Medical benefits will be authorized as needed. It further is requested that these benefits be considered emergency in nature andthat check for one-half above Ordinary Benefits and Fuel Allowance be mailed him at the earliest possible date.
- 5. The Commissioner of Veterans Services has been informed of the foregoing change in recommendation and the new schedule of benefits now authorized.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

February 14, 1949

From: Veterans Agent. To L Board of Selectmen.
Subj: Medical Benefit Payments Payment Authorized.
1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, payment of the following bills for medical services to Veteran Benefits Recipients is authorized:
(a) Westboro Drug Co.(Case Eva B. Vinton) Prescription dated Bec. 315264\$2.00 Prescription dated Jan. 7\$2.00
(b) Dr. Roland S. Newton, Westboro (Case Eva B. Vinton)
(c) Dr. J. F. Annunziata, Hopkinton (Case Moore Family) home visit <u> \$4.00</u>
* While \$3.00 is established fee for home visit, allowance for excessive \$10.00 travel may be made and is approved in this case in added sum of \$1.
2. The bills involved have been forwarded to the Town Accountant.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

28 February 1949.

From: Veterans Agent.

To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefits for March 1949.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, following payments of Ordinary Benefits and Fuel Allowances for the month of March 1949, are authorized:

- (c) Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Marlboro, . . . \$12.40 O.B. for month (guardian James Harris)
- (d) Francis M. Seeley, South St., \$30.00 O.B. for month So. Berlin, Mass.
- 2. In the case of Francis M. Seeley, this veteran attempted resume work but suffered 2nd. and 3rd. degree burns of the left upper and lower leg when a gas engine fire, caused by aparks from a welding torch in the handsof another employee, ignited his clothing. He was removed to CushingVeterans Hospital on 14 February and still is hospitalized there. He was visited by the Veterans Agent on Feb. 25 and his attending physician, Dr. C. B. Round, reports that he will be unable to resume employment before 1 April, at the earliest.
- 3. In order that previous and future recommendations in this case might be substantiated, Veterans Agent arranged to have Commissioner assign an investigator from the office of the Commissioner, investigate this case. As result of this investigation, it is recommended that some degree of Ordinary benefits be granted but that no fuel allowance be given inasmuch as the wife now is living with her parents in Marlboro.
- 4. Pending receipt of amount to be recommeded by the investigator from the office of the Commissioner, who stated that reduced benefits would be approved, payment of \$30 is authorized for March in this case. Should later instructions from the Commissioner authorize a larger amount of benefits, balance due will be authorized by the Veterans Agent later in the month.

H. Burke



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

17 March 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Medical Benefit Payments. . Authorization for.

- 1. Payment of the following medical benefits, under provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, and as per attached bills, is authorized:

 - (c) Westboro Drug Co., 13 South St., Westboro Prescription, Case Harry W, Moore. . \$1.25
 - (d) Westboro Drug Co., 13 South St., Westboro Prescription, Case Eva Vinton. . . . \$2.00
 - (e) Southboro Drug Co., Southboro Prescriptions, Case Harry W. Moore. . \$7.85

TOTAL

\$27.10

2. Copies of bills involved have been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

Southboro, Mass. 21 March 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Delayed Payment of Medical Bill, Dr. John K.

Ruggles, Hopkinton; Moore Family Case.

- 1. Authorization is forwarded for payment of subject bill in sum of \$20, for services rendered by Dr. John K. Ruggles, Hayden Rowe Street, Hopkinton, for treatment of minor child of Harry W. Moore, last June. Delay in action on this bill is due to an unavoidable oversight.
- 2. Dr. Ruggles, under date of March 12, 1949, wrote the Veterans Agent asking when hemight expect payment on bill submitted back in July. The Veterans Agent replied stating that no such bill was on file. Search of the Moore file brought to light the fact that the physician had, in July, submitted a bill but same had been returned to him for adjustment of an overcharge and for duplicate copies of the adjusted billing.
- The physician claims that he complied with this letter and forwarded duplicate adjusted billing the latter part of July in 1948. The Veteran's Agent never has received this correspondence. The physician further reports that on two occasions he has mentioned the non-payment to the Moore family. That family never has mentioned the non-payment to the Veterans Agent.
- 4. In view of the fact that the services involved were rendered by Dr. Ruggles and that failure to pay this just obligation was due to a regrettable series of circumstances, it is recommended that the bill, original of which has been forwarded to the Town Accountant, be paid.



EPARTMENT OF

VETERANS' SERVICES

22 January 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for February 1949.

1. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, the following payments of Ordinary Benefits and Fuel Allowances, for the month of February 1949, are authorized:

- (a) Harriett Moore. \$25.00 weekly O. B. \$20.00 fuel(for month)
- (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. . . . \$40.00 O.B. for month \$10.00 fuel " "
- (c) Mrs. Ruth Tucker \$12.40 O.B. for month Marlboro(guardian of James Harris)
- 2. Although the Veterans Agent has one small medical bill and one small prescription bill on hand, these are not being presented for payment at this time. The Commissioner of Veterans Services has directed that, if medical and/or dental bills total less than tendollars at end of month, they are to be held by the Veterans Agent until they total that sum before forwarding same to the Commissioner for approval. The directive further directs that, whether or not a ten dollar total is reached, these bills shall be submitted to him in sixty days following receipt of same.
- 3. For the best interests of the town, it is believed advisable that payment on all such medical bills be held in abeyance until definite approval for same has been received from the Commissioner.



TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

22 January 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Stationery Supplies, Payment Requested.

1. It is requested that the Southborough Print Shop be paid the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for letterheads and envelopes furnished this department and as per bill of 14 January from that concern.

2. Original bill involved has been forwarded to the town accountant.

J. H. Burke

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Southboro, Mass. 6 January 1949

H. Burke

From: Veterans Agent.
To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Medical Benefit Payment, Case of Eva B. Vinton- - Authorization for.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, authorization is granted to pay Dr. R. S. Newton, 9 Central St., Westboro, Mass., the sum of \$4.00, this in payment of two office visits by the subject benefit recipient.
- 2. Original bill involved has been forwarded to the Town Accountant.
- 3. As far as the Veterans Agent is aware, this will be the final bill submitted for payment against the 1948 appropriation for Veterans Services.

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Estimated Reimbursement by State for Veteran Benefit and Burial Overseas Dead Expenditures for 1948. Revision in.

- Ref: (a) Budget for 1949 previously submitted by VetAgent.
- 1. The final memorandum entered on reference(a) set forth that rough estimate of reimbursment to the town, by the State, for subject type expenses, was \$1175.00.
- 2. Now that all bills for 1948 have been received and approved, the Veterans Agent wishes to revise that estimate as follows:
 - (a) Estimated Reimbursement for Veteran Benefits
 Expended under Provisions of Chapter 115. . . #1183.68
 - (b) Estimated Reimbursement under Chapter 624, burial overseas dead(John G. MacNeill Funeral). 21.75
 - (c) Same as above for Harold E. Fay Funeral. . . . 26.75

New Total Reimbursements \$1232.18

3. In accordance with provisions of the Acts involved, the town should receive checks totalling the above sum of \$1232.88, from the Commonwealth, on or before 10 November 1949.

. H. Burke

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Southboro, Mass. 4 January 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment to Choate Post, V. F. W., for Expenses Connection Burial Overseas Dead--Authorization for.

Ref: Chapter 373, Acts of 1946, As Amehded by Chapter 624, Acts of 1947.

- 1. Reference provides that reimbursement may be made to approved veteran organizations for expenses incurred in connection with local burial of overseas dead.
- 2. In accordance with reference, and as approved by the Commissioner of Veterans Services, payment of \$26.75 to the Choate Post, V. F. W., for expenses in connection with the recent burial in Rural Cemetery of the late Corporal Harold E. Fay, is authorized. Bills involved and already paid by Choate Post are as follows:

(a) R. G. Carter, Marlboro, florist. . . \$ 10.00 (b) Harry Sherman, ", drummer. . . 5.00 (c) Lawrence Downey, ", bugler . . . 5.00 (d) Advertising, Marlboro Enterprise. . 4.00 (e) Choate Post, VFW, bronze grave marker. 2.75 TOTAL . . . \$26.75

J. H. Burke

3. It is requested that check involved be made payable to Choate Post, V. F. W., and forwarded by the town treasurer to the adjutant of that post, Albert H. Colley, Southville Road, Cordaville, Mass.



TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

17 December 1949

Town of Southboro

	To: John H. Burke, Veterans' AgentDr.
Salary	and Expenses 1949, Connection Veterans' Services Dept.
	SALARY
_	(a) Mass. State Vet. Agent Assoc. 5.00 (b) Central Mass. " " 2.00 ASSOCIATION MEETINGS & LUNCHEONS
4.	Boston 2, Worcester 1, Swampscott 1, Fitchburg 1, Shirley 1, Clinton 1; Total of 368 round trip miles @ 6¢ 22.08
5.	LUNCHEONS at STATE ASSOC. MEETINGS 8.50
6.	TRAVEL, STATE HOUSE & VET. ADM., BOSTON 6 round trips, 56 miles trip, 336 miles @ 6¢ 20.16
7.	ROUND TRIPS, VISITING & CHECKING CASES 20 round trips Southville, Cordaville, Fayville Total of 72 miles @ 6¢ 4.32
8.	TRIPS TO CUSHING VETERANS HOSPITAL Checking on Vet. Benefit Case 2 round tripstotal 32 miles @ 6¢ 1.92
9.	OUT OF TOWN PHONE CALLS ON DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS
	TOTAL #375. 73

Note: Under Item 2 (Postage, Stationery, Etc.) An additional bill in sum of \$10 already has been paid by the town to Southboro Print Shop.



CHOAJE POST NO. 5276

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, U. S. SOUTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

May 2. 1949.

Board of Selectmen,

Town of Southborough,

Wassachusetts.

Gentlemen :-

Choate Post # 3276, Veterans of Foreign Wars, U.S., respectfully requests permission to conduct a house to house canvass for "Buddy Poppies" on Saturday, Way 21, 1949, within the limits of the town.

The workers who will make the canvass will wear arm bands, and no minors will be used to do the solicitation.

If permission is granted, would you kindly send the notification of authority to conduct this canvass to George P. Knight, Southville, Chairman of the Buddy Poppy Drive for Choate Post? Thank You.

Yours very truly,

Post Adjutant.

homas Ir. Carter

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

28 November 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

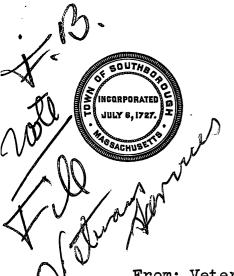
Subj: Veteran Benefits Payments for December 1949--

Authorization for.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, Ordinary Benefit payments for the month of December 1949 are authorized as follows:

- 2. Payment of fuel allowances are authorized as follows:
- 3. No further benefit payments are to be paid Stephen J. Janiak, his physical condition now believed such as to permit his resumption of gainful employment. He has been notified to that effect.

Note: In the Moore case, \$20.00 for fuel allowance should be sent direct to Falconi Brothers and not to Moore.



TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

10 December 1949

From: Veterans Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment Prescriptions Furnished Moore Family and Mrs. Eva B. Vinton, Veteran Benefit Recipients--Authorization.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, authorization is granted to pay subject benefits as follows:

MOORE CASE

Swethboro Drug Company
Prescriptions in Oct. and Nov.

\$9.94

VINTON CASE

Westboro Drug Company Prescriptions in October

2.00

TOTAL. . \$11.94

2. Original bills involved are attached.

H. Burke

* Bills forwarded to Town Accountant

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

28 March 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefits for April 1949 -- Authorization.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, subject benefits for April are authorized as follows:

- (a) Harriett Moore. . . . \$25.00 weekly Ord. Ben. \$20.00 fuel for month
- (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. . \$40.00 Ord. Ben. for month \$10.00 fuel for month
- (c) Mrs. Ruth Tucket, . . . \$12.40 Ord. Ben. for month (Marlboro, grd. Jas. Harris)
- (d) Francis W. Seeley, South St.. .\$45.00 Ord.Ben. South Berlin, Mass. for month
- 2. The veteran designated in paragraph (d) still is undergoing treatment for second and third degree burns at Cushing Veterans Hospital. Check on his condition two days ago indicates that additional skin grafting treatment is being given and that his hospitalization probably will continue for at least four more weeks.

J. H. Burke



TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

13 April 1949

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj.: Veteran Benefit Payments -- Authorization for.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws as amended, payment of following bills, originals of which have been forwarded to the State Commissioner and copies to the Town Accountant, is authorized:
 - (a) HARRIETT MOORE

Dr. Timothy Stone, Southboro	•	•	•	•	\$13.00
Dr. Lawrence S. Hirsch, Marlboro.	•	•	•	•	3.00
Westboro Drug Co. (Prescriptions). Total	•	•	•	•	3.50
Total	•	•	•	•	\$19.50

(b) HARRIETT KALER

Dr. R. S. Newton, Westboro	Dr.	R. S. N	Newton,	Westboro.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•\$4.U
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(c) MRS. EVA B. VINTON

Dr. R. S. Newton, Westboro	•	.#2.00
Westboro Drug Co. (Prescriptions) Total	•	2.00
Total	•	. \$4.00

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

13 August 1949

From: Veterans Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Chapter 115 Medical Benefit Payments for June and July 1949. .Authorization for.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, payment of subject bills as per attached statements, is authorized:

•	Dr. R. S. Newton, Westboro 3 house calls(Harriett Kaler) @ Seathboro Drug Co., prescription	4.00.	•	. \$ 12	.00
	T	otal		\$12	.90

(d) Framingham Union Hospital

Hospitalization same case. . . <u>12.00</u>

Total

GRAND TOTAL \$54.90

2. It will be noted that these bills cover services for

months of June and July, period during which Veterans Agent was absent from Southboro.

H. Burke

Copies of Original tills forwarded to

May 17, 1949

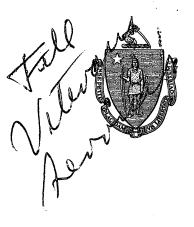
Mr. George P. Knight Southville, Mess.

Dear Mr. Knight:

It has been voted on and approved by the Board of Selectmon to grant your Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 3276 of Southborough to conduct a house to house canvass for Buddy Poppies on Saturday, May 21, 1949 within the Town limits.

> Yours truly Board Of Selectmen

> > Clerk



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of Commissioner of Veterans Services

State House, Boston 33

June 9, 1949

Mr. John Rabeni Chairman of Selectmen Southboro, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I recently received a letter from the Veterans Agent of your Town, John Burke, to the effect that he was going on a cruise with the Navy, and during his absence he had arranged with the Agent in Marlboro to carry on his work, and I advised Mr. Burke that this was agreeable to us.

On checking the regulations I now find that in order for us to send your mail to Marlboro, we will have to have your authority. Will you please advise us as soon as possible in this matter.

ery truly yours.

Commissioner

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From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment Hospital, Medical and Prescription Bills, Case Mrs. Harriett Moore- -Authorization for.

- 1. Payment of subject bills, copies of which are enclosed, in connection recent operation of Mrs. Moore, is authorized as follows:
 - (a) Framingham Community Hospital . . . \$ 88.00 (b) Westboro Drug Co.(Prescriptions) . . 1.65 (c) Dr. Dante P. Colitti(Anasthesist) . . 10.00
- 2. Originally the Community Hospital forwarded bill in sum of \$149.30 for hospitalization of Mrs. Moore during her recent operation. The Veterans Agent refused to approve this bill and informed the Superintendent of the hospital that bill was not in accordance with schedule of the State Commissioner of Veterans Services, namely \$8.00 per diem to cover all hospital expenses except that of operating physician and anasthesist. Superintendent was informed that bill of \$88.00, to cover 11 days hospitalization, would be honored.
- 3. The hospital appealed the decision to the State Commissioner, who supported the action of the Veterans Agent. Revised bill in sum of \$88.00, copy enclosed, was received this date.
- 4. It will be noted that bill of Dr. Colitti, for adminstration of anasthesia during operation, is submitted in sum of \$20. The Veterans Agent believes this bill is excessive, has so notified Dr. Colitti, and is authorizing payment of \$10 only on this bill.

 H. Burke

Original Bills Accountant

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Southboro, Mass. 9 December 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment of medical and prescription bills, Case Harry W. Moore and Dependents. .Authorization for.

- 1. Under provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, payment is authorized of following listed bills for medical treatment and prescriptions, case of subject veteran, for month of November:
- 2. Detailed bills involved have been forwarded to the Town Auditor.

. H. Burke

Southboro, Mass. 1 December 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for December 1948.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, payment of Ordinary Benefits and Fuel Allowances for the month of December 1948, are authorized as follows:

 - (b) Mrs. Ruth Tucker(Marlboro) \$12.40 for month O.B. (guardian Jas. Harris)
 - (c) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. . . . \$40.00 for month O.B. \$10.00 " fuel

J. H. Burke

From: Veterans Agent.
To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment to Bagley-Fay Post, A. L., for Expenses Connection Burial Overseas Dead--Authorization for.

- Ref: (a) Chapter 573, Acts of 1946, As Amended by Chapter 624, Acts of 1947.
- 1. Reference (a) provides that reimbursment may be made by towns and cities in Massachusetts, to an approved list of veteran organizations, for certain expenses contracted by those organizations in connection with local burial of bodies of returned overseas veteran dead.
- 2. Application for such expense approval must be filed by the veteran organizations with the local Veterans Agent, filing to be on prescribed forms furnished by the Commissioner of Veterans Services. These expenditures, when approved by the Commissioner, are forwarded to the cognizant town or city officials for payment. ALL MONEYS EXPENDED BY TOWNS OR CITIES UNDER PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER ARE RETURNED IN THEIR ENTIRETY TO THOSE TOWNS AND CITIES, BY THE 10th. of NOVEMBER OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING PAYMENT.
- 3. In accordance with the above, payment of \$21.75 to the Bagley-Fay Post, A. L., for expenses in connection with the recent burial of Sergeant John G. MacNeill in Rural Cemetery, is authorized. The bills involved, already paid by the Legion, are as follows:
 - (a) R. S. Carter(floral piece)....\$5.00
 (b) Services of Marlboro drummer....5.00
 (c) Services of Marlboro bugler....5.00
 (d) Advertisement(Notice Funeral)....4.00
 (e) Bronze Legion Grave Marker....2.75
 TOTAL....\$21.75
- 4. It is requested that the check involved, made out to Bagley-Fay Post, A. L., be forwarded by the Town Treasurer to the Finance Officer of that post, Austin Maguite, East Main St., Southboro.

Southboro, Mass. 30 April 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Ordinary Benefit Payments Case Robert E. Kelley, Highland Street, Cordaville -- authorization for.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, payment of \$62.50 for month of May 1948, as Ordinary Benefits, is authorized in the case of the subject veteran.
- 2. This veteran had been receiving benefits for several months, previous benefits terminating on 31 March 1948. The veteran believed he would be able to obtain employment in April and, as of the end of March, his physical condition appeared to have been greatly improved.
- 3. During April he was again stricken with illness and was advised by the Veterans Agent to undergo immediate examination by a physician and have report as to results of this examination forwarded by the physician to the Veterans Agent.
- 4. Under date of 24 April 1948, results of examination were reported by Dr. Edward F. Regan, 52 Proctor St., Framingham, Mass., as follows:

"Robert Kelley, Highland Road, Cordaville, Mass., was examined this date by me and found to be duffering from myocarditis with edaema of both ankles. I have recommended that he perform no manual labor for at least two months".

J. H. Burke

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment Due Town from Commonwealth for Veteran Benefit Expenditures in 1947- - Report on.

Ref.: (a) Chapter 115, Sec. 6, General Laws.

- 1. Reference (a) provides that the Commonwealth shall pay one-half the amounts authorized by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services for legal payment of veteran benefits annually, and that such payment shall be made by the Commonwealth"on or before November tenth in the year after the expenditures have been made".
- 2. Under this provision the Veterans Agent has received from the Commissioner approval for monthly payments made to veterans under provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, during 1947, as follows:

January. . . No returns as town failed to request or make report on veteran benefit payments made. No returns for same reason as in January. February. . March . . . \$190.50 April . . . 261.00 May . . . 169.50 659.45 369.50 295.00 363.50 208.34 June... July. . . . August... September . October. .. November .. 344.85 December. . 262.00 \$3123.64 Authorized Payments. \$1561.82(50% of total authorized payments). TOTAL . . Due Town. .

- J. There is no possibility of obtaining reconsideration of non-payment edict of the Commissioner on moneys expended in January and February. The Commissioner rules that failure to comply with extant regulations causes the town to forfeit right to reimbursements. Efforts to induce the Commissioner to reverse his decision have been futile. Total payments involved in those two months approximated \$550.00 and were made prior to assumption of office of the present veterans' agent.
- 4. On or before 10 November 1948, the Town Treasurer should receive from the Commonwealth a reimbursement in sum of \$1561.82 in accordance with reference(a).

J. H. Burke

Southboro, Mass. 26 October 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for November 1948.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, Veteran Benefit Payments (Ordinary Benefits) and Fuel Allowances, for the month of November, are authorized as follows:

 - (b) Mrs. Ruth Tucker(Marlboro) . . \$12.40 for month (guardian Jas. Harris)
 - (c) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton \$40 month O.B. \$10 fuel allowance
- 2. On Thursday, October 28, Mrs. Harriett Moore will enter the Framingham Community Hospital for a major operation(complete hysterectomy and removal of fibroid tumor). The Veterans Agent has arranged with the hospital and with the family physician that hospital care and operative costs shall be in accordance with the Blue Shield and Blue Cross operative schedules and that the hospital care will be in accordance with the schedules established by the Commissioner of Veterans Services, namely \$8.00 per diem for all hospitalization other than the operation.
- 3. The operation is emergency in nature and ordered by the family physician.

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Refusal of Veterans Agent to Approve Bill Submitted by Framingham Community Hospital, Case Operation on Mrs. Harriett Moore.

- 1. The subject bill was submitted to the Veterans Agent for hospitalization of Mrs. Moore. It included hospital services, exclusive of operation, for an eleven day period starting 28 October.
- 2. The bill is not in accordance with the schedule of fees established by the State Commissioner in cases of this type. Prior to admission of the patient the hospital was notified by the Veterans Agent that the case was that of dependent of a Veteran Benefit Recipient and that payment of not over \$8.00 per diem, to cover all hospital charges would be authorized.
- 3. The Veterans Agent believes the attached copies of correspondence in the case will be informative to the Board of Selectmen. This letter and enclosures are merely for information purposes and no action on same is required.
- 4. Payment of this bill will be held in abeyance pending receipt of bill revising charges or, if appeal is taken to the Commissioner of Veterans Services by the hospital, until such time as the Commissioner renders his decision. There is no doubt that the Commissioner will support the stand taken by the Veterans Agent.

J. H. Burke

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FRAMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOSPITAL 228 Concord Street Framingham, Massachusetts

November 10, 1948

NAME. . Mrs. Harriett Moore (Soldiers' Relief) Address. . Wood Street, Southville, Mass.

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Board from 10/2 Special Nurses Operating Room Delivery Room	8 to 11/8. from to	ll days	6 @ \$9.75 @ .75c meal	107.25 - 88.0 20.00 - 40
Nursery Anestheaia Laboratory Leary Laboratory X-Ray	general	spinal	local	6.00 - V 0 10.00 - V 0
Medication Dressings Oxygen Telephone				6.05 - 20

TOTAL

\$149.30 - \$8.00

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From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Hospital Operation and Physicians Fees Case Mrs.

Harriett Moore--Authorization for Payment.

- 1. On October 28 the subject wife of a Veteran Benefit Recipient entered the Framingham Community Hospital for a panhysterectomy operation. The operation was performed the following day. Prior to admission of the patient to the hospital, the Veterans Agent effected an agreement with the physician and the superintendent of the hospital, that fees to be levied would be no more than those set up by the Blue Shield and the Commissioner of Veteran Services Schedules. This hospital has been uncooperative as to these schedules heretofore.
- 2. Dr. A. F. Annunziata, Hopkinton, Mass., the attending physician, submits a bill, copy enclosed, in sum of \$125.00 for the panhysterectomy and \$8.00 for two home visits to the Moore home. The \$125.00 operation fee is directly in accordance with the schedule of the Blue Shield. It is recommended that this bill, totalling \$133.00, be paid.
- 3. Also enclosed is a bill in sum of \$4.00 for prescriptions furnished the Moore family by the Southboro Drug Company. It also is recommended that this bill be paid. Mrs. Moore still is a patient at the Framingham Hospital and bill from that institution has not yet been received. It will be forwarded for payment as soon as received.

Southboro, Mass. 11 Sctober 1948

H. Burke

From: Veterans Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment of medical and fuel bills, case Harry W. Moore-Authorization for.

- 1. Payment of subject benefits, case of Harry W. Moore Family, are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Southboro Drug Co.(prescriptions)... \$ 9.49 (b) Dr. Timothy P. Stone(office visits)... 8.00
 - (c) Dr.Lawrence M. Hirsch(allergy tests) . . 20.00
- 2. Duplicate bills in cases (a) and (c) have been for-warded to the town accountant. Originals have been sent to the Commissioner of Veterans Services. In cases (b) and (c), the physicians failed to forward duplicate bills and the originals were forwarded to the Commissioner. It is requested that the certified copy of these bills, furnished to the Town Accountant, be accepted in lieu of duplicate bills.
- Jet will be noted that on bills (a), (b) and (c), the Veterans Agent has eliminated certain payments and thereby reduced the amount owed in those cases. In each instance the sums eliminated cover a repetition of items previously submitted for services rendered in the month of August and early September, services for which payment already has been made under authorization letter addressed to Board of Selectmen, under date of 18 September 1948.

Southboro, Mass. 5 October 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Increased Monthly Veteran Benefits, Case of

James Harris- - Authorization for.

Ref: (a) VetAg. Ltr. to Selectmen, dated 29 Sept. 1948.

- 1. Reference (a) authorized, among other items, payment of \$9.90 Ordinary Benefits, for month of October, to the guardian of the subject minor child of a deceased World War I Veteran. Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Marlboro, is the guardian involved.
- 2. Since forwarding reference(a), the Commissioner of Veterans Services has authorized a new budget with cost of living increase provisions therein. In the subject case, the usual \$9.90 monthly benefit payment is increased to \$12.40 monthly.
- 3. Payment of \$12.40 in the subject case should be made for October and each subsequent month until such time as the cost of living increase is cancelled. Previous authorized payment of \$9.90 for October is cancelled.
- 4. For the information of the Board, increase of \$6.00 monthly also was authorized in the budget approved for the Harry W. Moore case. However, inasmuch as the town now pays Moore a monthly sum in excess of the authorized budget, there will be no change in the \$25.00 monthly benefits authorized in reference (a).
- 5. It should be mentioned that one-half of the six dollar increase in Moore budget as well as one-half the increase newly authorized in the James Harris case, will be repaid to the town, by the State, prior to 10 November 1949, date upon which all reimbursements of this nature must be made to towns and cities of the Commonwealth.

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subject: Medical Benefit Payments Case Harry W. Moore

Family -- Authorization for.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, payment of subject medical benefits are authorized as follows:

((a)	Dr. J. T. Neary Dr. Lawrence S. Hirsch	•			•		41.00
((b)	Dr. Lawrence S. Hirsch	•	•	٠	•	•	10.00
- (C,	Dr. Timothy P. Stone .						6,60
((\mathbf{d})	Southboro Drug Co						1.10

- 2. Inasmuch as Drs. Hirsch and Stone failed to forward duplicate bills, it is requested that the attached certified copies of their bills be accepted for payment. The original bills involved were forwarded the Commissioner of Veterans Services for his action and files.
- 3. Payment also is authorized to Falconi Bros., Southboro, in sum of \$7.50, for fuel oil furnished this family during month of August.

* Bills Involved forwarded to Town Accountant

Southboro, Mass. 22 September 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment for Dental Treatment, Case of James

Harris, Minor Son of Deceased WWI Veteran-Authorization.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, payment of enclosed bill submitted by Dr. John A. Kelleher, 196 Main Street, Marlboro, Mass., for treatment in subject case and in sum of \$6.50, is approved.

2. Original bill involved has been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

J. H. Burke

Southboro, Mass. 29 September 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for October 1948.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, Veteran Benefit Payments (Ordinary Benefits) and Fuel Allowances, for the month of October, are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harriett Moore. . . . \$25.00 weekly Ord. Ben. \$20.00 monthly fuel
 - (b) Mrs. Ruth Tucket (Marlboro) \$9.90 for month (guard. James Harris)

(c) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. . . . \$40.00 for month. (Turnpike Road, Fayville)

- 2. Under recent date the Commissioner of Veterans Services has authorized slight increases in Ordinary Benefits as well as increases of 15% or slightly higher in some cases on fuel allowances. The Veterans Agent now has application before the Commissioner seeking slight increases in the Moore and Harris cases. The Moorecase involves slight increase in fuel allowance. The Harris case involves monthly increase of approximately \$2.50 monthly Ordinary Benefits.
- 3. Should the Commissioner approve the increases sought, the Veterans Agent will authorize slight additional benefits in these cases, in a later communication to the Board of Selectmen. Should the increases be approved by the Commissioner, one-half of the added benefit costs will be borne by the Commonwealth.

Southboro, Mass. 18 August 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for September 1948.

- In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, Veteran Benefit Payments (Ordinary Benefits) for the month of September, are authorized as follows:

 - (Guardian of James Harris)
 - (c) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. 40.00 for month (Turnpike Rd., Fayville)
- Payment also is authorized in the sum of \$7.50, to Falconi Bros., Southboro, for 50 gallons of range oil delivered to the home of Harry W. Moore.

Southboro, Mass. 24 May 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen:

Subj: Bill for Medical Services, Case Frank Moore, Minor Son

of Harry W. Moore, WWI Veteran Benefit Recipient --

Payment Authorized.

- 1. Payment in the sum of thirteen dollars (\$13.00), to Dr. John K. Ruggles, Hayden Rowe Street, Hopkinton, Mass., for professional services in the subject case, is authorized. The original bill involved has been forwarded to the Town Auditor.
- 2. The subject minor child suffered infection from a punctured wound of the foot when he stepped on a rusty nail at his home recently. Two visits were paid to the patient at his home by the physician. The services included administration of anti-tetanus serum.
- 3. This payment is in accordance with provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws.

J. H. Burke

CC: Town Auditor
Moore File

Southboro, Mass. 25 May 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Suhj: Veteran Benefit Payments for June 1948.

- In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, Ordinary Benefit payments in the following cases and following sums are authorized for the month of June 1948:

(guardian James Harris).... 9.90 for the month

(c) Robert E. Kelley, Cordaville... 67.00

CC: Town Accountant

Southboro, Mass. 15 August 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen:

Subj: Authorization for medical benefit payments connection case of Harry W. Moore.

- 1. Payment for medical treatment and prescription service in the subject case are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Dr. Timothy P. Stone, 1 home and 1 office call. . . \$5.00
 - (b) Westboro Drug Co., prescriptions. 3.00
- 2. Copies of the two prescription bills are enclosed. Attention is called to the fact that the first two items, totalling \$3.80, on bill submitted by Southboro Drug Co., have been deleted by the Veterans Agent. Those two items were paid under authorizations in Veterans Agent letter to Board of Selectmen, dated 24 July 1948. In other words, the first two items are duplicates of previously submitted bill upon which payment was made after the attached bill had been prepared.
- 3. Dr. Stone submitted but one copy of bill and it was necessary to forward that copy to State Commissioner for approval and file in order that state racords might be complete in compiling total amount to be returned to town for year of 1948. The Veterans Agent has enclosed a certified copy of the original bill submitted by Dr. Stone and hopes that same will be considered as a trued copy of the original and authorize payment on same.

P. S. Bills involved have been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Housing Board

18 Tremont Street, Boston 8

August 2, 1948

TO--Massachusetts Mayor and Selectmen

On July 15th, we wrote you regarding the financial assistance available under Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948 for the provision of rental housing for veterans. In our letter we stated that we wish to give every city and town in the Commonwealth an opportunity to participate in the Veterans' Housing Program. We also stated that August 1 had been established as a deadline for the submission of allocation requests. Since we have not heard from your community, we assume that you are not interested in requesting state assistance in developing rental housing under Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

Very truly yours,

A. S. BIGELOW, Chairman

Southboro, Mass. 31 July 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Ordinary Benefit Payments Case of Eva B. VINTON, dependent

mother of World War II Veteran -- Authorization For.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, and in accordance with authority from the Commissioner of Veterans Services, subject type payments in the sum of \$40.00, for the month of August, are authorized.

- 2. Mrs. Eva B. Vinton established legal settlement in Southboro as of 17 July 1948. She came to this town from Westboro and has been making her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Phillipo, Turnpike Road, Fayville. She is entitled to these benefits as the dependent mother of Meredith W. Vinton, Parker Way, Westboro, a veteran of World War II, married, who earns \$40 weekly, maintains a home in Westboro, and contributes \$4.00 weekly to assist in support of this dependent parent.
- 3. This dependent parent is in poor health, heart condition, and has lost the sight of one eye. She is 65 years of age and was deserted by her husband 30 years ago. She supported her family until the children were able to support themselves. She performed domestic work wherever she could find employment to finance the support of her children.
- 4. The Commissioner of Veterans Services previously had authorized the Town of Westboro to pay this \$40 monthly Ordinary Benefits in this case. Should need for medical services occur, payment for such services must be met by the Veterans Department, Southboro.
- 5. It is further requested that the subject dependent be given a check for \$20 immediately following the August 4th. meeting of the Board of Selectmen. This request is made due to the fact that settlement in Westboro expired on July 16, 1948 and no payment has been made since that date. The second \$20 payment can, if the Board of Selectmen approves, be made subsequent to the second August meeting of that board.

Southboro, Mass. 24 July 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for August 1948.

- Under provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, Veteran Benefit Payments (Ordinary Benefits) for the month of August, are authorized in the following cases and following sums:

 - (a) Harriett Moore.....\$25.00 weekly(b) Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Marlboro... 9.90 for the month (guardian of James Harris)
- Payment of the following bills, copies forwarded to the Town Accountant, all in connection medical services and fuel furnished to the Harry W. Moore family, also are approved for payment:

 - (c) The Westboro Drug Co. (d) Falconi Bros.(fuel) . .

TOTAL

. H. Burke

Southboro, Mass. 7 June 1948

From: Veterans Agent.
To: Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payment of fuel and medical bills, case Harry W. Moore- -authorization for.

1. Payment of the following bills in the subject case is authorized:

Falconi Bros., Southboro, 50 gals. range oil. \$7.50

Dr. J. F. Annunziata, Hopkinton House Call on May 22. \$4.00

- 2. Original bills involved have been forwarded to the Town Accountant.
- In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, fifty percent of the medical and prescription costs above enumerated will be reimbursed by the State. There will be no reimbursement on the Falconi Bros. bill for fuel oil inasmuch as the State Commissioner will approve no fuel bills between 30 April and 1 October annually. The entire cost of fuel in that period must be borne by the town.
- 4. It is the opinion of the Veterans Agent that, despite the ruling of the State Commissioner, this family in which there has been considerable sickness, residing in a house closely adjacent to the river in the south part of the town, where damp conditions prevail, make imperative the granting of financial assistance in meeting fuel bills during periods other than those approved by the Commissioner.

 (1. H. Burke



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State Housing Board

18 Tremont Street, Boston 8 July , & , 948

To: Massachusetts Mayors and Selectmen.

Subject: Veterans' Housing Act, Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

On April 13th, we wrote all the cities and towns explaining the provisions of Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948 and how it would provide rental housing for veterans.

Ninety-one Housing Authorities have now been formed in the Commonwealth and the total of requests received for financial assistance exceeds the \$200,000,000. of state credit available under the Act.

In order that these local communities which wish to avail themselves of this opportunity may proceed expeditiously with planning and construction of rental units for veterans, we now wish to allocate the credit available.

However, we wish to give every city and town in the Commonwealth an opportunity to participate in the Veterans' Housing Program if it so desires. Therefore we are writing you at this time to notify you that August 1 has been established as the deadline and that unless we hear from you by that date we will assume your community isnot interested in developing any rental housing under Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1948.

Very truly yours

A. S. Bigelow, Chairman

Southboro, Mass. 30 June 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for July 1948.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, Ordinary Benefit payments in the following cases and following sums are authorized for the month of July 1948:
 - (a) Harriett Moore. \$25.00 weekly
 - (b) Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Marlboro, \$ 9.90 for the month (guardian James Harris)
- 2. No further benefits will be paid to Robert E. Kelley, Cordaville, until such time as that benefit recipient presents additional and satisfactory medical evidence that his physical condition remains in a status which will not permit his acceptance of gainful employment.
- 3. For the information of the Board of Selectmen less than \$1325 of the authorized annual budget of \$4432 has been expended by the Veterans Services Department for the first six months of the year. The total expended covers all payments of Ordinary Benefits, Medical, Dental and Fuel payments. The total expended does not include any salary, postage or incidental expenses.

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Southboro, Mass. 5 July 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Town Auditor Town Treasurer

Subj: Disbursement to be Made By Commonwealth for Veteran Benefits Under Chapter 115, G.L., for 1947.

Ref.: (a) Ltr. from Commissioner of Veterans Services, dated 1 July 1948.

1. Reference(a) informed the Veterans Agent that the sum of \$1562.07 would be disbursed to the Town of Southboro, as the half portion of amounts paid by the town and approved by the State for Veteran Benefits in 1947. Under extant regulations this sum should be paid to the town on or before November 10, 1948.

2. Reference(a) also requested that the information aforementioned by made available to the Town Auditor and Town Treasurer.

H. Burke

cc: Town Auditor
Town Treasurer

Southboro. Mass. 12 April 1948

From: Veterans' Agent. To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefits Payments for May 1948--Authorization for.

- Payment of Veteran Benefits under provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, for the month of May 1948, are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harry W. Moore. \$25.00 weekly
 - (b) Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Marlboro, guardian James Harris. . . . \$ 9.90 for the month
- It will be noted that no payment of fuel allowance in the Moore case as recommended this month. Payment of fuel allowances, in accordance with extant regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, provides for such allowances from 1 October through 30 April. Therefore fuel allowances terminate as of the end of the current month.
- Records in the Moore case show that the town paid, from April to October of 1947, slighbly in excess of fifty dollars for range oil deliveries to this family. The payment for this oil was a one hundred percent cost to the town and none of it was shared by the state. This is due to the fact that it has been the policy of the Commissioner to have the regularly authorized Ordinary Benefits (\$82.00 monthly in the Moore Case) cover costs of fuel for cooking purposes.
- The Veterans' Agent is endeavoring to have the Commissioner increase the Ordinary Benefits to \$90.00 monthly from 1 May to 1 October, or to make an exception and allow \$8.00 monthly fuel allowance, this in addition to the \$82.00 Ordinary Benefits, for the period aforementioned in the Moore Case. Should favorable action be taken on the recommended action of the Veterans' Agent, the State will bear one-half the cost of any fuel allowance or increased Ordinary Benefits involved.
- Should the Commissioner disapprove of the recommendation, the town will have to pay for range oil delivered to the Moore home. In that case, the Veterans' Agent will instruct whatever concern delivers such oil, to forward bills for same to the Veterans' Agent for further presentation to the Board of Selectmen for payment.
- For the information of the Board, a copy of the letter written to the Commissioner asking for increased benefits to cower these fuel costs, is attached hereto.

J. H. Burke

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From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Medical Prescription For family Harry W. Moore--payment

authorized.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, payment in the sum of \$1.75, to The Westboro Drug Co., 13 and 15 South St., Westboro, Mass., for prescription filled on March 4, 1948, in case of subject veteran, is approved.
- 2. The original bill involved has been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

J. H. Burke

From: Veterans Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Medical Benefit Payments Case Harry W. Moore--Authorization.

1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, following payments for medical treatment and prescription in the case of the subject veteran benefits recipient, are authorized:

2. **Copies** of bills involved have been forwarded to the Town Accountant. These payments are chargeable against the December 1948 expenditures of this department and should be taken from the sum requested as a "carry-over" in anticipation of December bills.

J. H. Burke

P. S. The correction made above, in ink, reduces the \$3.00 bill submitted by the physician to a bill of \$2.00 approved by the Veterans Agent in accordance with extant regulations. Payment of \$2.00 is all that is authorized for an office call. Payment of \$3.00 is prevalent in case call is made at home of patient. The physician has been informed by letter that only \$2.00 will bepaid in this case.

Southboro, Mass. 23 February 1948

From: Veterans& Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for March 1948 -- Authorization for.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, Veteran Benefit payments for the month of March 1948 are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harriett Moore. . . ,\$25.00 weekly Ordinary Benefits \$18.00 fuel allowance for month
 - (b) Mrs. Ruth Tucker. . . \$ 9.90 Ordinary Benefits for month
 - (c) Robert E. Kelley. . . \$62.50 Ordinary Benefits for month \$16.00 fuel allowance for month
 - (d) Peter L. Sora . . \$25.00 Ordinary Benefits for month \$18.00 fuel allowance for month
- 2. It is urgently requested that above payments in the cases of Robert E. Kelley and Peter L. Sora be made twice monthly, one-half benefits involved to be paid each time. It is suggested that payments to other benefit recipients above-mentioned be made in accordance with the schedule now in effect.

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Southboro, Mass. 4 March 1948

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Bill Submitted by Dr. J. F. Annuziata, Hopkinton, Mass., for medical services to Moore family--payment authorized.

1. In keeping with provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, payment of four dollars (\$4.00) for subject services rendered the Moore family on February 9th., is authorized. This payment covers one visit to the Moore home to treat Mrs. Moore on the date aforementioned. Original bill involved has been forwarded to the Town Accountant.

J. H. Burke

From: Veterans Agent.

To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for January 1949.

- 1. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, as amended, the following payments of Ordinary Benefits and Fuel Allowanses for the month of January 1949, are authorized:
 - (a) Harriett Moore. . . . \$25.00 weekly O. B. \$20.00 Fuel(for month)
 - (b) Mrs. Eva B. Vinton. . . \$40.00 O. B. for month \$10.00 Fuel "
 - (c) Mrs. Ruth Tucker, . . . \$12.40 O. B. for month Marlboro, (guardian of James Harris)

J. H. Burke

Southboro, Mass. 15 March 1948

From: Veterans Agent.

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To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Payments Authorized on Medical and Dental bills in cases Robert E. Kelley, WWI Veteran Benefit Recipient, and James A. Harris, minor son of deceased WWI Veteran.

- 1. In accordance with provisions of Chepter 115, General Laws, payment of subject bills, as listed below, is authorized:

 - (b) To John A. Kelleher, D.M.D., 196 Main Street,
 Marlboro, Mass., for dental treatment case of
 James A. Harris, minor son of deceased WWI Veteran,
 Mrs. Ruth Tucker(Guardian). \$25.00
- 2. The original of bills involved have been forwarded to the Town Auditor.

J. H. Burke

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Southboro, Mass. 29 March 1948

From: Veterans' Agent.
To : Board of Selectmen.

Subj: Veteran Benefit Payments for April 1948- - Authorization for.

- 1. In accordance with Provisions of Chapter 115, General Laws, payment of subject veteran benefits, for month of April, are authorized as follows:
 - (a) Harry W. Moore, \$25 weekly Ordinary Benefits and \$18 for month as fuel allowance
 - (b) Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Marlboro, guardian of James A. Harris, \$9.90 Ordinary Benefits.
- 2. Benefits previously paid to Robert E. Kelley and Peter A. Sora have been discontinued as of March 31, 1948.

J. H. Burke

March 25, 1946

Mr. Brigham K. Watson Commander, Choate Post #3276 Veterans of Foreign Wars Fayville, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Watson:

I am pleased to enclose information concerning a band for Memorial Day.

This is the only offer of this kind that we have received.

Yours truly,

Clerk, Board of Selectmen.

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